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The Knesset debate yesterday on the deadlocked peace negotiations with Egypt held the attention of Prime Minister Menahem Begin, Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defence Minister Ezer Weizman. (Harati)

Dayan says peace treaty with Egypt still possible

Post Knesset Reporter

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan told the Knesset last night that it would be wrong to jump to the conclusion that the chances of signing a peace treaty with Egypt were ruined.

Winding up yesterday's political debate, Dayan said it was possible that the negotiations with Egypt would be resumed. Israel, he said, had informed U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance that it was prepared to discuss the question of setting a date for the inauguration of the West Bank and Gaza Strip autonomy plan.

Simply saying *no* to the new Egyptian proposals would solve nothing, Dayan said. Israel must initiate positive action. He suggested that Israel take the following steps:

- Seek ways of starting negotiations that could lead to peace negotiations with *all* Israel's neighbours;
- Examine ways of giving the Arabs living in the administered territories more independence in running their own affairs;
- Examine the frameworks in which Israel and the residents of the territories have a common interest, as for example, their common dependence on water sources;
- Strengthen settlement beyond the Green Line, in order to make it clear to friends and foes alike that there was no chance of getting Israel out of there — either its armed forces or settlers.

Knesset blames Egyptians

Post Knesset Reporter

By a vote of 66 to six, with 27 abstentions, the Knesset last night, at the conclusion of the political debate, approved the following three-point coalition resolution:

(1) The Knesset declares that the submission of new, rigid proposals by Egypt prevented the signing of a peace treaty;

(2) The Knesset declares that the stand of the U.S. administration, charging Israel with responsibility for the failure to sign a peace treaty, is one-sided, unjust, and does not contribute to the advancement of peace;

(3) Israel desires peace, has made many sacrifices for the sake of peace, and will continue to act to achieve peace, but it cannot accept proposals that put its welfare and security in jeopardy.

The motion was presented by Yehuda Ben-Meir (NRP), on behalf of the coalition parties, plus Shai, Assaf Yaguri (Ya'ad), and Samuel Flatto Sharon. Thus the three wings of the former Democratic Movement for Change reunited yesterday in supporting the government.

Most of the abstentions were cast by the Alignment, which decided earlier in the day not to support the coalition motion. The other abstainers were Geula Cohen (Likud-Herut) and Gideon Hausner (ILP). Moshe Shamir, the second Likud rebel, voted with the coalition.

The nay votes were cast by the Democratic Front, Sheli, and Shulamit Aloni (CRM).

Cohen was denied the right to speak in the debate as a punishment by the Likud for her abstention last week on the national service bill, which the Likud opposed.

She distributed to reporters copies of the speech she said she would have made, if permitted. In it she says that Israel should learn a lesson from the "duplicity" of the U.S. towards Taiwan. She further says that Prime Minister Menahem Begin's "legalistic nit-picking" holds Israel up to ridicule.

Begin tells the Knesset:
We won't sign non-peace pact

Post Knesset Reporter

"Israel will not sign a treaty of non-peace with Egypt. Israel will sign a treaty of peace with Egypt."

With that statement Prime Minister Menahem Begin yesterday concluded his 30-minute "statement by the government on the political situation in the Knesset.

Begin said the cabinet had decided on November 21 that Israel was ready to sign the peace treaty as it was drawn up on November 11.

But since then, Egypt has demanded changes in the treaty which would empty its key articles of content. Those "interpretative comments," which are supported by the U.S., Begin said, "render barren the heart of the peace agreement," and prevent Israel from signing.

Begin said that despite all the friendship between Israel and the U.S., and despite the recognition of the ongoing mutual help between Israel and the U.S., Israel must be prepared to reject Egyptian proposals that endanger its well-being even if they are supported by the U.S.

He was sure that the U.S. administration would see its mistake and understand that the State of Israel is an important factor in the free world, that it must not be weakened, that it must be continually strengthened, as great and good Americans have been saying in the past few days.

Begin said that Article 6, Paragraph ii, of the peace treaty states that the parties undertake to fulfil their obligations under the treaty stands on its own feet. It is not inaction of any other party and independently of any instrument external to this treaty."

That, Begin said, means that the treaty stands on its own feet. It is not dependent on what will be done or will not be done by one side or the other. For example, Begin said, at Camp David, Egypt and Israel together invited Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon to join the peace process. Neither Egypt nor Israel could compel those three states to do so.

The same applies to the autonomy arrangements that have to do with the holding of elections, Begin said. "We, of course, want to implement this part of the Camp David agreement. But this does not depend on us or on Egypt."

Begin said Israel could not accept the Egyptian interpretation, supported by the U.S. administration, which was submitted last week and which says in effect that the treaty will not stand on its own feet. Rather, the other side will be able to claim, whenever it feels this is worthwhile, that since a comprehensive peace treaty has not been attained, the treaty as signed is invalid.

Then, said Begin, there is Paragraph v of Article 6, which states: "Subject to Article 103 of the UN Charter, in the event of a conflict between the obligations of the parties under the present treaty and any of their other obligations, the obligations under this treaty will be binding."

Only in the past week, Begin said, did Israel learn that Egypt some weeks ago asked the U.S. whether that article would prevent Egypt from giving aid to a country with which it has a reciprocal or collective defence pact, if that country should be the victim of an armed attack (by Israel). The answer conveyed to Egypt some weeks ago was that Article 6 would have no such consequence.

True, Begin said, the query spoke of "victim of an armed attack." But there have been instances in which we were clearly attacked, but were nevertheless charged with having done the attacking. In fact, all these reciprocal defence pacts were alliances against Israel. They were signed between Egypt and other members of the Arab League.

Begin said there was also an Egyptian annex to the treaty that Israel could not accept. This is the Egyptian interpretation of Article 4, Paragraph iv, to mean that the security arrangements provided for would be reviewed after five years. There was no precedent in peace treaties for such a time provision. Peace treaties were signed forever, Begin said.

Furthermore, the premier said, Israel had received the draft of a letter (possibly intended to be signed by the U.S. president) which seeks to apply special Egyptian guardianship over the Gaza Strip. At Camp David, such guardianship was not even mentioned.

But the main point of the letter was the setting of a date for the implementation of self-rule and for holding the elections for the autonomous councils, Begin said.

The cabinet, however, had decided unanimously to reject the proposal about a date, and also about a "target date," Begin said. The reason was critical. Elections should certainly be held, but for that you need voters and candidates. So far there were neither — because there was intimidation (by elements opposed to the autonomy scheme).

This was something beyond the control of the president of Egypt and of the government of Israel, Begin said. Even a "target date" was a date and as that date approached the intimidation would undoubtedly intensify. Why should Israel again open itself to the charge that it had not honoured a target date? The lesson of the December 17 target date for signing a peace treaty with Egypt should be a lesson to us, he said.

Vance assures U.S. Jewish leaders

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — One of five American Jewish leaders who met yesterday with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance came away from the meeting convinced that Vance was not going to allow the Egypt-Israel peace negotiations to remain suspended for much longer.

This leader, who asked not to be identified, said that the next stage in the negotiations — provided that all the parties "kept their cool" — should become clear during the next week to 10 days. But he did not know the specific format for such renewed negotiations.

(An Egyptian press report said yesterday that the U.S. will resume the peace negotiations shortly after Christmas, possibly with another Vance shuttle.)

The deputation to Vance emerged from the meeting apparently reassured about the State Department's attitude towards the peace treaty negotiations, but still worried about that of the White House.

The delegation's spokesman, Theodore Mann, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said after the one hour session that the "anguished" American-Jewish leadership has requested a meeting with President Jimmy Carter, but has not yet received any invitation from him.

Speaking to reporters, Mann was asked whether Vance had "mellowed" in his reported anger against Israel. Mann replied that he did not know of any specific comments from the secretary blaming Israel, but Mann did point to statements "from the White House which led to that conclusion."

Before the meeting with Vance, the Jewish leaders met for three hours with Ambassador-at-Large Alfred Atherton and Assistant-Secretary of State for Near East Af-

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Cairo: Linkage sought from start of talks

CAIRO (UPI). — Egypt yesterday rejected Israel's claim that Cairo submitted last-minute proposals in the stalled peace treaty negotiations. Acting Foreign Minister Butros Ghali said the Egyptian demand for "linkage" was made, and a compromise agreement reached soon after the Washington talks opened about two months ago.

But Ghali, who was speaking to East and West European ambassadors, said Egypt was prepared to resume the negotiations "and has the necessary patience. Peace, an overall peace based on justice, merits patience," he said.

Ghali's meeting with the ambassadors represented the first phase of a diplomatic offensive designed to explain the Egyptian position following Israel's rejection of Egyptian-American ideas last week. Ghali will meet with envoys of other nations during the next two days.

Ghali told the ambassadors that the "principal problem" in the negotiations was "linkage or the synchronization of the steps that are taken in Sinai with the steps that are taken in the West Bank and Gaza.

"The problem is not one of formulation," he said. "It is a problem of intentions and commitment to specific dates for carrying out obligations."

Ghali rejected the Israeli claim that the Egyptian demand was made only at the last minute, and after the Israeli cabinet had approved the text of the treaty.

"On October 14, two days after the negotiations opened, we submitted a memorandum on the West Bank and Gaza to U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance," said Ghali.

"On October 21, and following the personal intervention of President Carter, we reached a compromise solution," he said. "This called for exchanging identical letters specifying the dates for elections in Gaza and the West Bank as well as the powers of the autonomous councils," he said. "This proves that linkage was given priority from the very beginning," Ghali said.

Ghali said Egypt will "honour its Arab commitments and the joint Arab defence pact, and give them priority. Likewise, Egypt gives precedence to the Palestinian question and considers it the core of the Middle East problem," he said.

Ghali said the Egyptian and American positions were "identical," and blamed the deadlock on Israeli "intransigence." Asked about the next move, Ghali said Egypt was ready to resume the negotiations and "has the necessary patience for this."

Dayan, top aides on 'information drive' in Europe

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan will fly to Brussels this morning to chair a meeting of the joint EEC-Israel economic council together with Germany's Hans Dietrich Genscher.

Dayan will take the opportunity to present Israel's position in the deadlocked peace treaty talks to European public opinion. He will hold a press conference in Brussels and hold several media interviews.

Simultaneously, two of Dayan's top aides are flying today to other European centres to take part in the "information campaign" in the wake of the suspended negotiations.

Legal aide Meir Rosenne, a central figure in the negotiations, will go to Paris for a series of public and media appearances. He will later move on to Geneva. Ehud Avriel, roving ambassador and recently appointed chairman of the ministry's Advisory Committee on Overseas Information (in place of Zalman Shoval MK who resigned), will fly to Germany for a string of political information appearances.

Gafny would raise C-o-L payment, income tax rates

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

The governor of the Bank of Israel has recommended increasing the rate of the cost-of-living allowance, and raising income tax rates at the same time.

The governor, Arnon Gafny, told the Histadrut Trade Union Department yesterday that the present C-o-L allowance system was workable as long as inflation was kept down to 20-25 per cent. When prices rise by more than 30 per cent, he said, workers should be compensated with a C-o-L increment equal to 100 per cent of the rise (the present system limits the increment to 70 per cent of the rise in prices).

Gafny said this 100 per cent C-o-L compensation should be conditional on wage stability next year. Salary increases should be given only for increased productivity, he said.

(Prof. Eitan Sheshinski of the Hebrew University told the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday that the present C-o-L system was only effective for an inflation rate of 8-10 per cent. It's no wonder there has been labour unrest over the past couple of years, he said, with inflation running over 40 per cent.)

But Gafny also said income tax rates should be increased over the next two or three years, to absorb excess cash from the public.

In Tel Aviv earlier, Gafny said any attack on inflation would have to start with the government's expenditure. If the state budget was expanded, he said, inflation would increase still further next year.

Prof. Haim Barkai told the Economic Committee yesterday that the government has to cut at least IL10 billion from the draft budget. Otherwise inflation will hit 45-50 per cent or more, and in such an economy people try to profit from inflation instead of from production. Barkai, an economist, said there was no alternative but to hurt employment and investments — two areas which must not suffer in the long run but which would have to be sacrificed in the short run to reduce inflation.

Sheshinski charged that the Bank of Israel and the treasury are deluding themselves, believing that they are mopping up cash from the public through the sale of government bonds. In fact, he said, bonds and foreign currency reserves are liquid means of payment and have the same effect on inflation as cash.

Navon intervenes in teachers strike

President Yitzhak Navon held a series of urgent meetings yesterday, in an attempt to mediate an end to the highschool teachers' strike. No details were given, but the president was reported to be optimistic about the outcome of the strike.

The president's press secretary said last night that Navon had met with Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel; Histadrut Trade Union Department chairman Yisrael Kessar; Dr. Shalom Levin, head of the Histadrut Teachers Union; Reuven Aviram, head of the striking Secondary School Teachers Association; Education Minister Zevulun Hammer; and Secretary-General Eliezer Shmueli.

The leadership of the Secondary School Teachers Association is due to meet again with Shmueli in Jerusalem this afternoon.

Call-up exercise imminent

Post Military Correspondent

The large call-up exercise announced by the army spokesman last week, is imminent. It is designed to test the state of readiness of various units and standard call-up procedures.

This is another in a long series of exercises which have been conducted over the past two years, and which have encompassed most units of the land, air and naval forces.

Gandhi jailed in Delhi after Parliament ouster

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was arrested by police yesterday after India's Lower House of Parliament voted to expel her and have her jailed for breach of privilege and contempt of the house.

Legislators voted by 279 to 138, with 37 abstentions, on a motion tabled by Prime Minister Morarji Desai to mete out harsh punishment to Mrs. Gandhi, 61, for the offences.

She was sentenced to remain in jail until the end of the current parliamentary session. That could last from four days to several weeks, depending on when the House is adjourned.

Gandhi re-entered parliament only a month ago after winning a hard-fought by-election in the remote south Indian state of Chikmagalur on November 5. She had been Prime Minister for 11 years until she was defeated in a general election last year.

The Lower House (Lok Sabha) Privileges Committee found Gandhi, her private secretary, R.K. Dhawan, and the former director of the Central Bureau of Investigation, D. Sen, guilty on November 21 on two counts.

They were found to have harassed officials trying to gain information for parliament in 1975 about a subsequently aborted project by Gandhi's son, Sanjay, to manufacture small cars and of preventing parliament from knowing that the project involved installation of imported machinery in violation of its licence.

State Comptroller charges:
Sharon's Negev farm conflicts with ministerial post; no progress made

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter

Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon's ownership of a big farm in the south represents a clear conflict of interests with his ministerial role, and Sharon has not acted to eliminate this conflict, despite the government ruling of a year ago, and despite demands by the State Comptroller's Office and Prime Minister Menahem Begin.

State Comptroller Yitzhak Nebenzahl made this charge at a meeting of the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday, convened for his report on the lack of progress in the matter of conflict of interests in the Sharon case.

All the other ministers in the present cabinet obeyed the legal injunction created when the cabinet espoused the recommendations of the Asher Committee on conflict of interests. They sold or transferred their enterprises as well as their foreign bonds and currency holdings. Sharon was the only man to keep his business — his big Negev ranch — till today.

It is known that Begin has not forced the issue, although a whole year has elapsed since the ruling. The premier is said to be reluctant to compel Sharon to quit the cabinet, because he fears that Sharon will head the hawkish opposition against him politically, if he is outside.

Nor does Begin want to change the ruling regarding conflict of interests, so as not to be accused of showing favouritism to the agriculture minister. The result is that Sharon continues to run his business after other ministers have been disbarred from so doing.

Nebenzahl was charged by the cabinet with ensuring that the Asher Committee's recommendations were carried out. Yesterday he gave the committee details of his abortive contacts by letter and orally with Sharon. On July 30 this year, after Sharon failed in a bid to lease his farm to a group of investors, Nebenzahl informed Begin that he and former attorney-general Aharon Barak held that the arrangements envisaged by Sharon in the lease did not conform to the criteria for preventing conflict of interests, as laid down by the Asher Committee and confirmed by the government in a special decision.

One problem, Nebenzahl said, was that Sharon wanted — under the terms of the lease — to remain in a position where he could affect the management of the farm.

Begin suggested a few days later that Nebenzahl appoint a special inspector to supervise the affairs of the farm. The comptroller met Sharon and explained that his office could not provide a substitute for implementing the recommendations of the Asher Committee. Nebenzahl refused to allow Sharon any more time to settle his business affairs.

In September, Nebenzahl said that he told the premier what had transpired and stressed that his office was supposed to report on adherence to the laws and not replace such adherence.

At the end of November Begin again proposed that an office inspector supervise the farm but nothing came of this repeated proposal either.

In yesterday's discussion, the Alignment members of the committee charged that Begin and the Likud were covering up for Sharon's violations of the cabinet decision. Either the rules must be changed, or Sharon must be compelled to obey them, they said.

The Likud members, while conceding that the Sharon affair could not be left to simmer indefinitely, believed that with goodwill a solution could be found.

The Control Committee finally decided that it would invite Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir to a meeting in a fortnight's time, to give his ruling on the implications of Sharon's maintaining his farm in defiance of the government's decision.

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Peres calls autonomy plan 'mine-laden course'

Post Knesset Reporter

Alignment leader Shimon Peres yesterday strongly attacked the government's autonomy plan for the West Bank and Gaza. He described it as a "mine-laden obstacle course."

But he also declared that the "nation stands practically united against the Egyptian demands and dictates from abroad." He asserted that in the peace negotiations Israel *has made "significant concessions* including some vital to its security and needs not apologize to anyone in its readiness for peace."

In leading off the Knesset debate on Prime Minister Menahem Begin's opening statement, Peres declared that it is not the "linkage" that is the problem. If the plan for Judea and Samaria is a good one, what is wrong with linkage? he asked.

Peres said that the plan for Judea and Samaria is bad. He continued that one month after the agreement with Egypt is signed, a joint committee is to start discussing the powers to be given to the *autonomous government. Is there* the slightest prospect that agreement will be reached on all the controversial questions involved, such as where Israeli troops will be stationed? asked Peres.

Instead of a peace agreement with Egypt having a positive influence on reaching an agreement on the West Bank, Peres said, the built-in difficulties of the autonomy plan are having a negative influence on the signing of a treaty with Egypt.

And who has asked us for an autonomy plan in the first place? Peres asked. "The autonomy plan is a big mistake." The Alignment's peace plan for the West Bank is quite different, he said, pointing out that it is based on the premise that Israel has no wish to rule over the million Arabs of the West Bank and the Gaza district. What Israel wants is to control those *areas* that are vital to its defence.

Peres criticized the statements by U.S. administration officials blaming Israel for the failure to reach an agreement by the three-month deadline. Washington should know that even a small democracy has the right to tell it "no," he declared.

The Alignment rejects the government's peace plan, Peres said. But when a foreign state *applies pressure, there is only one* Israel — an Israel that objects to pressure, he said.

Peres agreed with Begin that the two recent demands put forward by Egypt cannot be accepted. The exchange of ambassadors is supposed to be Egypt's *quid pro quo* for Israel's withdrawal from Sinai. But if even that is to be made conditional on elections in Judea and Samaria, then the contribution of each side to peace is surely disproportionate, he maintained.

As for Egyptian attempts to change the wording of Article 6, Peres said it is not that Israel wants Egypt's agreement with it to take precedence over Egypt's agreements with Arab states. What Israel wants is that peace should take precedence over war, that the peace agreement should have priority over war agreements, he said.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan intervened in the debate to clarify three points.

First, said Dayan, the peace agreement that Israel has been ready to sign ever since November 11 is not "the Israel peace plan." Rather, it is the result of compromises reached with the Egyptians and the Americans. Naturally, the government's plan is better for Israel. The Allon plan (which is the plan that Peres had apparently referred to when he spoke of the Alignment's peace plan) has a basic *defect — the other side rejected it,* the minister stated.

Dayan's second point was that the normalization of relations was to have been Egypt's main concession in return for Israel's withdrawal from Sinai. The agreement on the *exchange of ambassadors* one month after the first stage of the withdrawal was completed was reached with (Egyptian President Anwar) Sadat and (U.S. President Jimmy) Carter themselves. Hence, Egypt's present attempt to postpone the exchange of ambassadors does not mean that Sadat is over-ruling his delegation; it means that Sadat has changed his own stand, he said.

Thirdly, Dayan said, there are three different decisions involved, first in the cabinet, and then in the Knesset. The first is the Camp David accords, which had been approved by both bodies; the second is the November 11 draft agreement, which has been approved by the cabinet; and the third is the eventual autonomy agreement, which the government would undoubtedly submit to the Knesset after approving it.

Other participants in the debate:

• Yosef Rom (Likud-Herut): Egypt still has 1,000 Soviet advisers and continues to receive Soviet arms. Yet, at the same time, it has been getting Western weaponry too and Sadat now demands $10,000-$15,000m. worth of U.S. aid as his price for agreeing to peace.

• Yehuda Ben-Meir (NRP): *Although not all NRP deputies voted* in the Knesset for the Camp David agreements, and although there are flaws in the draft peace treaty, we stand solidly behind the government now.

• Avraham Katz (Likud-Liberals): The behaviour of the U.S. in the Taiwan-Peking affair compels us to take even greater care with regard to every single detail of the peace agreement.

• Meir Talmi (Alignment-Mapam): The government dashed recklessly ahead to reach an agreement with regard to Sinai and now *the nation is about to see its illusions* shattered with regard to the future of Judea and Samaria.

• Binyamin Halevi (DM): The target date for setting up the Arab autonomy, which the U.S. insists on, denies Israel the possibility of free negotiation on the terms of the autonomy over which the parties are *so divided.*

• Ammon Linn (Likud-Le'am): Under the Allon plan, the Jordanian army would have controlled the areas, but under the government's plan, the IDF would be in charge. That is the lesser evil.

• Yehuda Abramovitz (Aguda): *The U.S. has laid bare its biased* policies and its true intentions. Now *we know that it is guided by its own* selfish interests only.

• Amnon Rubinstein (Shai): Our justified anger at the U.S. administration must on no account turn us aside from the long path of progress towards peace. We must oppose a peace, the price of which would be to allow Egypt to rush to the aid of an aggressor Arab state.

• Meir Wilner (Democratic Front): The real problem is not Article 6 or Article 4. It is whether we are prepared to recognize the fact that there are two peoples in this country, one Israeli and one Palestinian. The establishment of an independent Palestinian state alongside the State of Israel with the June 4, 1967 borders is a necessary condition for a complete and just peace.

• Meir Pa'il (Sheli): Israel, not Egypt, is responsible for the interruption of the peace talks. At Blair House our delegation agreed to sign an agreement on a timetable for establishing autonomy, including the provision that within a year after the signing of the peace agreement, elections to the institutions of the autonomy plan would be held. This was over-ruled by the cabinet.

• Uzi Baram (Alignment): The government came up with the autonomy plan, and now it is trying to evade its consequences. It is not by chance that Begin saw no crisis in any substantive matter — the dismantling of settlements, the Sinai airfields, security borders, Sharm e-Sheikh — but only on legalistic points.

• Assaf Yaguri (Ya'ad): A supreme Negev development authority must be established to

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Cairo doesn't view talks as stalled, says European leader

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Emilio Colombo, the president of the Parliament of Europe, said yesterday he got the impression in Cairo, that the Egyptian government *did not consider the negotiations* with Israel as over and done with, or even in an impasse.

Colombo spoke at a political session between a Parliament of Europe delegation and a Knesset delegation. He came here on Monday night from Cairo after conferring there with President Anwar Sadat. The two delegations discussed the political issues facing the Middle East and the European perspective on these issues.

Some members of the European delegation said Israel ought to reach a compromise with the Palestinian Arab movement. The Knesset delegation clarified Israel's stand on this point.

When the delegation of the Parliament of Europe took its seats in the VIP gallery in the middle of the Knesset political debate following *the statement* by Premier Menahem Begin, they were greeted by Speaker Yitzhak Shamir who said it was encouraging that the Parliament of Europe always addressed itself to Israel's problem in a sympathetic manner.

Later, while Begin was briefing the delegation downstairs, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and his director-general Yosef Ciechanover came inside, interrupted Begin half way through, and called him outside for a few minutes urgent consultation. When the premier returned he said with a smile: "I'm sure you're curious about that interruption but I'm afraid I can't tell you what it was about."

Emilio Colombo, President of the Parliament of Europe (right) together with Knesset Speaker Shamir during the European delegation's visit to the Knesset yesterday. (Harari)

In his briefing, the premier said that there was no need to despair because the interruption in the talks was merely temporary. Cairo might still change its mind, he said.

Israel rejected the latest Egyptian demands but it was willing to consider any further proposals which Egypt might air. It was up to Egypt now to seize the initiative, Begin said.

Evron meets Vance

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel's new ambassador to the U.S., Ephraim Evron, yesterday presented a copy of his credentials to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance during a brief courtesy call at the State Department.

The new envoy, who had arrived here only three hours earlier, expressed hope that differences between Israel and the U.S. would be resolved shortly because Israel "has no better nor more generous friend than the American people."

He said that he sees his role here as trying to help overcome such differences. "The secretary was very pleasant and I think he agreed with me," said Evron. He will present his credentials formally to President Jimmy Carter during an *upcoming meeting* which has not yet been scheduled.

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fairs Harold Saunders, during which time they reviewed the treaty talks.

Mann, during his informal press conference in the State Department's lobby, also said that he did not know how the administration was going to proceed. He did express the opinion that the U.S. should continue its mediatory role "to facilitate" the negotiations. But he warned against America's taking sides in support of the Egyptian position and pressuring Israel, which, he said, the administrations had clearly done during the final days of the negotiations last week.

Unless the U.S. abandons these pressure tactics, he said, there will be "no chance" for peace. "I am hopeful that the U.S. will resume its appropriate role," he said. But when asked whether he expected this to happen, he responded: "I'm not sure."

Mann did not believe that President Carter would restrict U.S. economic and military aid to Israel because of differences in the negotiations.

UN MEMBER — Dominica, a tiny Caribbean state of 75,000 people, was on Monday admitted to membership of the UN. The former British colony brings the total UN membership to 151.

Police kill fugitive

A wanted man was shot dead by police last night after a prolonged chase through Jerusalem.

The fugitive, aged 24, who was said to be violent and possibly armed, was wanted for a series of offences, including armed robbery and attempted murder throughout the country.

Pre-marital sex is not a character blemish, court says

Having premarital sex does not indicate dubious character, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

The court upheld a nine-year prison sentence for rape and kidnapping imposed on Daniel Bushari of Rosh Ha'ayin by a lower court. It rejected his attorney's claim that the *main witness — Bushari's former* girlfriend and the victim of the crime — was of dubious character because she had had premarital sex with Bushari and others.

Bushari's defence counsel contended that the girl's promiscuity cast doubt on her testimony against her ex-boyfriend, who was convicted *of having kidnapped and raped her* repeatedly in an isolated room, along with several accomplices.

The court said the view that premarital sex indicated a questionable character was antiquated and puritanical. (Itim)

"Menny" Cohen denies charges

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Menahem (Menny) Cohen, parliamentary secretary to MK Charlie Biton (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality), and two other men indicted for murder yesterday denied the charges in district court.

Police claim that Cohen, a 31-year-old Jerusalemite, Shaltiel Ozeri, 28, *and Moshe Meri, 29, both of Beit* Dagon, killed Ibrahim Assaf and wounded his friend, Abed Tarahawi, because they believed the two had stolen a large quantity of smuggled *heroin from them.*

Cohen claimed that since he had been arrested more than six weeks after the event, it was difficult for him to recall precisely what he was doing on the evening Assaf was killed in Jaffa. Ozeri's lawyer insisted that his client had a watertight alibi.

The three accused are being held *in custody until the end of legal* proceedings. However, the court decided that due to the pressure on the courts, further hearings would be postponed for two months.

Foreign envoys briefed on peace talks impasse

Foreign Ministry Director-General Yosef Ciechanover yesterday held a briefing for 31 foreign ambassadors and chargés d'affaires to explain recent developments in the peace talks with Egypt.

Ciechanover and legal adviser Meir Rosenne explained to the *assembled diplomats why Israel was* unable to meet Egypt's demands. They stressed that Israel clearly understands the difficulties faced by President Anwar Sadat but noted that Egypt must also understand Israel's problems.

If Israel signs a treaty which does not have preference over Egypt's *commitments to Arab states,* it will be signing the death certificate of the peace treaty before it signs its birth certificate, Rosenne said.

Prominent U.S. Jews rap Washington

By MALKA RABINOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Prominent American Jewish supporters of the Peace Now movement yesterday attacked administration support of Egypt's latest proposals as "dangerous in the extreme."

The protest was conveyed in a cable to President Jimmy Carter and was signed by Nobel laureate *Saul Bellow and 32 others.*

Only three of the 35 personalities whose public support of Peace Now caused controversy last spring failed to join in the message criticizing Washington's present posture.

"We who have not been unwilling to voice our criticism in the past believe that Israel's current objections to the proposed Egyptian revisions (of the draft treaty) are reasonable," said the cable.

Like the previous action, the cable was sent by Leonard Fine, editor of *"Moment" magazine, on behalf of* the group of writers, academics and rabbis. Among the signatories were political analyst Walter Laqueur, writer Marie Syrkin, Prof. Seymour Martin Lipset and Rabbi Wolf Kelman.

Israel XI draws with Rumanians

TEL AVIV. — Israel forwards missed at least three scoring chances, enabling Rumania to force a 1-1 draw in a *friendly international* match before 12,000 fans at the Bloomfield stadium last night.

After a dull first half, the game burst into life with Uri Malmilian's 53rd minute goal for Israel.

The Rumanians were stung into action and wave after wave of attack swept the Israel goal. The *Rumanians brought on two fresh* players, Florea Voicilia and Constantin Stan, and it was these two who put the visitors level with a Stan goal in the 78th minute.

ASIAD. — New Delhi was officially chosen yesterday as the site of the 9th Asian Games in 1982 by the Asian *Games Federation meeting* in Bangkok.

Car of Beit She'an Likud leader damaged

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIT SHE'AN. — Eli Cohen, the Likud's unsuccessful candidate for mayor in the recent elections, complained yesterday that anonymous persons had deliberately damaged his car, smashing the windows, breaking the antenna and puncturing the tires. He estimated damage at several thousand pounds in an official complaint filed with police.

Cohen believes the act is related with the Likud's efforts to have a new election in Beit She'an. The Likud has accused the Alignment of bribing voters to vote for the chairman of the local council, Yitzhak Kenan, and his list. The Likud has submitted a petition to the District Court in Nazareth asking for the new election.

Shalom Sivan, veteran Jerusalem printer

Shalom Sivan, veteran Jerusalem publisher and printer was buried in the Har Hamenuhot cemetery in Jerusalem on Sunday. He died following a prolonged illness.

Born in Kiev, Ukraine in 1904, he settled here in 1925 and in 1936 founded the *Kiryat Sefer Publishing* House. A veteran member of the Israeli Publishers Association, Sivan built his own printing press. He is survived by his wife, Pnina, son Abraham and a grandchild.

Two dead, 17 hurt in Galilee road mishaps

Jerusalem Post Staff

NAZARETH. — Zippora Kruglah, 32, and her father, Yosef Adler, 80, of Kiryat Yam, were killed and her husband and two children seriously injured on Monday evening in an accident along the Yokneam-Elyakim *road near Haifa.*

Police say the accident occurred after the driver of a semi-trailer lost control of his vehicle. The truck's cab fell into a ditch and the trailer blocked the road. Pinhas Kruglah could not stop his car in time and collided with the trailer. He and his two children, Rivka, 8, and Zvi, 6, were rushed to Afula hospital.

Seven other traffic accidents occurred in the Galilee *region on Monday* night and yesterday. A total of 14 persons were injured, three of them seriously.

Lawyer rejects compensation offer of IL50,000 per man

Bromine workers threaten suit over loss of fertility

By HARRY WALL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Did working with *a toxic chemical cause employees at* a local plant to lose their fertility?

Yes, according to eight workers at Bromine Compounds, all of whom worked for the company's pest control division. They have all allegedly become irreversibly sterile from *handling a pesticide which is now out* of production.

The matter was aired last week when the company offered to pay each of the affected workers IL50,000 following year-long negotiations with their attorney. Avraham Moren, the Beersheba lawyer representing the eight employees, says that the damage incurred by his clients "warrants substantially more compensation" and threatens to take the matter to court if the company doesn't increase its offer.

The problem was first noticed in 1973, when a company employee involved in the production of *diochlobromopropane (DCBP) com*plained about having a "decreased sexual drive and inability to impregnate his wife." Subsequent tests at Soroka Medical Centre in Beersheba determined that the worker was sterile, but no immediate connection was made with his job at the chemical plant. That man is still sterile, *Moren says.*

Since then, according to Moren, additional cases of sterility have been reported by members of the same division at Bromine Compounds. "But because of their sensitivity about the subject, the workers did not discuss their problem with each other or with the management," Moren told *The Jerusalem Post.*

In 1977, following reports from the U.S. of an alarming incidence of sterility among *field* workers using DCBP, the Israeli company closed down the division and stopped *manufacturing the pesticide.*

The workers claim the company knew about the danger of the chemical before that but did not tell its employees.

According to Moren, at least 10 members of the division have been found to be permanently sterile according to tests carried out at Soroka, at the company's expense. (Eight of them are represented by *Moren.) The company spokesman* disputes this, however, saying the tests were not 100 per cent reliable and that the damage in any case was not permanent.

Moren says several of the employees also claim a "loss of sexual drive and diminished sexual activity."

Although he would not reveal the names of his clients, the lawyer mentioned the case of a 20-year-old Beduin who began working with the pesticide three years ago. "After he *got married, when* the couple could not have a child — and the man was found to be sterile — his wife left him," Moren said.

"The Beduin was disgraced and humiliated among his tribesmen," he added.

Moren has not taken the case to court yet because "there are no legal precedents in this country." In addition, his clients are reluctant to "go public," he said.

Moren, however, says he will go to court if the company does not make a substantially more generous offer *of compensation. "Fifty thousand* pounds for losing the ability to father children is absurd," he said.

The company's managing director, Zvi Waldman, was not available for comment this week. But a representative said the matter was being handled by the plant's insurance company.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin yesterday visited army facilities for the professional training of disadvantaged youth.

Edith Rojansky, Israel's consul general in Monaco for the past 12 years, has been awarded the decoration of the Knight of the Order of Grimaldi by Prince Ranier of Monaco. She is the first Israeli and the first woman to receive the award.

Amnon Arieli of Arieli Advertising was elected chairman of the Israel *Advertising Association* at the association's annual general meeting on Monday.

Michael Elkins, the BBC correspondent in Israel, will speak on "The newsman's view of the peace process" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. today at the YMCA.

Israel Museum curator Ya'acov Meshorer will speak on "Jewish coins" at the Haifa Rotary Club at 1 p.m. today at the Nof Hotel.

An exhibition of photographs by Dan Lenchner will open tonight at 6 p.m. at Beit Sokolov, 4 Rehov Kaplan, Tel Aviv.

ARRIVALS

Melanie Oelbaum, honorary president and tour director, Emunah Women of America, Ruth Sachs, *chairman, and Gugi* Graham, liaison officer for the Emunah child resettlement fund, for the annual meeting of World Emunah in Jerusalem.

AN ELEVEN-STOREY commercial centre has been opened in the Kiryat Shmuel quarter of Tiberias.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	47	7—21	21
Golan	39	7—19	20
Nahariya	62	6—20	21
Safad	50	10—18	18
Haifa Port	74	14—18	19
Tiberias	49	8—20	21
Nazareth	34	8—21	22
Afula	40	—22	23
Shomron	53	12—21	21
Tel Aviv	66	9—19	21
B-G Airport	72	7—19	22
Jericho	49	8—23	24
Gaza	60	10—18	20
Beersheba	54	5—20	22
Eilat	36	12—24	25
Tiran Straits	43	16—26	26

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of the head of our family, our dear father, grandfather

Reb HAIM GROSS

at the age of 78.

The funeral will be held today, Wednesday, December 20, 1978, at 3.00 p.m. in Nahariya Cemetery, leaving at 2.30 p.m. from the Karlton Hotel.

The Bereaved Family:
Son and Daughter-in-Law:
Moshe and Gusta Gross
Grandchildren: Karlo Gross,
Miriam and Motti Karona
Esther Guralnik and Family
Pnina Mara and her Father

Israel Institute for Petroleum and Energy
School of Petroleum Science

Advanced Seminar on Petroleum Economics

On Thursday, December 21, at 4 p.m.
the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure

Yitzhak Moda'i

will lecture on
"Preparing Israel's Energy Economy to Face the Changes in the World and Our Region"

The lecture will be given in the lecture hall of the Israel Institute for Petroleum and Energy, 26 Rehov Ha'universita, Ramat Aviv, Tel Aviv.

Personnel in the petroleum and energy fields are invited.

Please come on time!

In deep sorrow, we announce the untimely death of our *haver*

RON JATOVSKY (JAY)
who fell on active duty.

The funeral will take place today, December 20, 1978, at 2.00 p.m., at Kibbutz Maayan Baruch.

Beit Maayan Baruch
The Family in Israel and abroad

Kibbutz Gezer
mourns the passing of

RON JAY

and expresses condolences
to the Jay family and to Kibbutz Ma'ayan Baruch.

We deeply mourn the passing of

RON JATOVSKY ז"ל

Garin Mishmar

NESTA HILLMAN

née Joel-Cohen

died in London

on December 19, 1978.

On the thirtieth day since the passing of our beloved

FALK MAOZ ז"ל

there will be a memorial service and unveiling of the monument *tomorrow,* Thursday, 21 Kislev (Dec. 21, 1978) at 3 p.m.

We will meet at the entrance to the Kiryat Shaul cemetery, Tel Aviv.

The Family

Public asked to stop buying oranges until price drops

By MARTHA MEISELS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Consumer Council yesterday called on the public to stop buying Shamuti oranges if the retail price does not drop to IL6 a kilo by Sunday. The council blames mainly the Citrus Marketing Board for setting the wholesale price of eating oranges several times higher than the price of citrus to industry.

But the council refused to term the action a "strike" or even a "boycott" against the thick-skinned navel oranges.

Instead, its director Maya Tavory ambiguously called it a "bargain of the month campaign" — until journalists at the press conference conference pointed out that this is the Shekem chain's term for its monthly low-priced items. She then consented to call it a "don't buy campaign."

The ICC states that the public pays for oranges seven times what industry pays for this fruit, and charges that "the consumer is subsidizing the juice industry, which is owned in part by the same people who grow the citrus." According to the council, the average retail price of a kilo of oranges is IL7 to IL8, while the price to industry is around IL1. (The Supersol chain was selling oranges yesterday at IL6.80, while the Co-op supermarkets in the Dan region were charging IL7.20.)

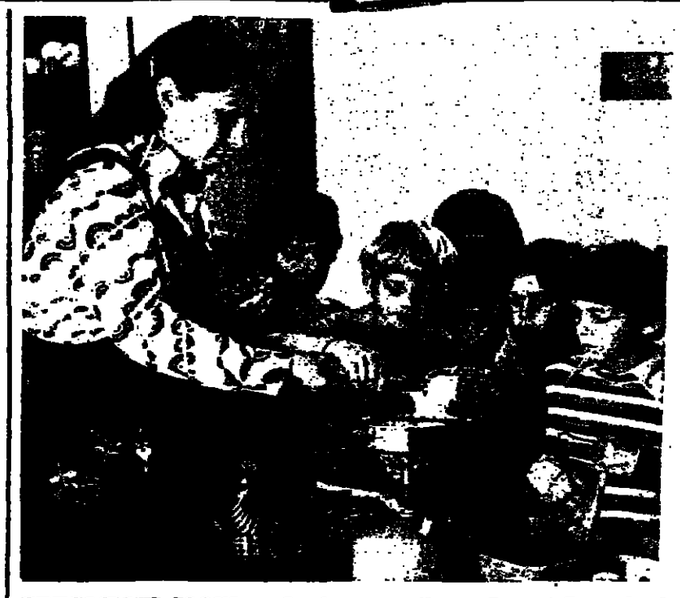
The current wholesale price of a kilo of Shamutis, according to the Citrus Marketing Board which sets it, is IL4.75 for the large fruit and IL4.25 for the smaller size. The Shamuti season is just getting into full swing, while the thinner-skinned Washington oranges, better for juice, are just about finished. (In most shops, both types of oranges and all sizes are dumped together.)

A spokesman for the marketing board contends that the quality of oranges sold cheaply to industry is far lower than what the retail consumer gets — though Tavory had denied there is a significant difference. "Both are export rejects," she said. Of the oranges which remain in Israel, 85 per cent go to industry and only 12 per cent to the public.

Tavory said the recommendation to consumers to refrain from oranges unless the price drops does not apply to grapefruit (wholesale price IL4.25) nor to tangerines, which retail for a high IL34 a kilo at most outlets (wholesale price IL9).

In refusing to apply the word "strike" or "boycott" to the action, Tavory said that a consumer strike involved picketing of shops, and this was not planned in connection with oranges at the present time. She said the council's team of economic experts is still studying other commodities and services as possible targets for selective strikes.

Among reasons for the choice of oranges was the fact, the ICC said, that the wholesale price of Shamutis has risen 310 per cent in the past six years, whereas the consumer price index has risen only 270 per cent. Also, the price of citrus fruit is dependent solely on decisions of the Citrus Marketing Board, which is a monopolistic body, although none of the agricultural marketing boards is subject to the control of the monopolies and cartels law, Tavory said.



PRECOCIOUS COOKS. — Grade one pupils in a Ramat Gan school were busy yesterday making *latkes* and doughnuts, as well as moulding candles for Hanukka. (IPPA)

January C-o-L issue for Ehrlich, Histadrut

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A cost-of-living increment to be paid in January, instead of in April, will be the key issue raised by the Histadrut at this afternoon's meeting in Jerusalem between members of the Histadrut Central Committee and the economic ministers, headed by Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich.

The Histadrut will demand also that the tax table be adjusted by 100 per cent of the rise in the C-o-L index when the increment is paid, in order that workers will not find themselves in a higher tax bracket.

Better tax collection and the fight against tax evasion and "black capital" (money on which taxes are not paid) will also be discussed.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel has said he will call special sessions of the Histadrut central committee and executive committee after today's meeting. He has threatened demonstrations and selective strikes if the Histadrut's demand for the January C-o-L increment is not met.

With the index up almost 12 per cent in the last two months, many workers are demanding even more serious measures, such as the reopening of recently signed contracts to negotiate for additional pay rises.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed that the conversation in the Knesset restaurant on Monday between Meshel and Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i was an informal exchange of ideas, and not official negotiations. This was reported yesterday by the Histadrut spokesman in response to reporters' questions. The spokesman expressed displeasure that someone had found it necessary to leak details of the conversation.

According to the spokesman, Moda'i told Meshel about the proposed budget which he had presented to the cabinet. The minister also gave Meshel a written document, which Meshel read and found unacceptable, the spokesman said.

Home is the *hajji*

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — Hassan Salim Relan, the Israeli Arab reported missing during his pilgrimage to Mecca last month, has returned safe and sound to his home in the village of Kabul, near here.

The 60-year-old Moslem explained that he suddenly took ill during his stay in Saudi Arabia, and lost consciousness. Saudi officials rushed him to a local hospital, and after two weeks of recuperation, Relan returned home via Jordan and the Allenby Bridge.

Relan's unannounced arrival came only a few hours before a relative was scheduled to leave the village for Jordan and Saudi Arabia, in search of the lost *hajji*. Rumours had earlier circulated that Relan might have been sent to Kabul, Afghanistan, by mistake.

Soviet immigrants demand action against 'dropouts'

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The government and Jewish Agency will be asked next week by former "Prisoners of Zion" to step up pressure against the USSR and adopt a harder line towards Jews who leave Russia but do not come to Israel.

The group's third conference, to open here on Sunday, will recommend that an international gathering be held next spring in Israel to give voice to their demands, said Yehezkiel Polarvitz, chairman of the group. It will also call for a boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games unless persecution of Jews who wish to come to Israel ceases.

A large part of the organization's conference will be devoted to discussion of the "dropout" problem. Sixty-two per cent of Jews reaching Vienna lately have not continued to Israel, and the figure among Jews from large Soviet cities is close to 90 per cent. The former prisoners will call upon the government and Jewish Agency to confront American Jewish groups, like HIAS and the Joint Distribution Committee, who aid those immigrating to other countries. Israeli invitations should not be extended to Soviet Jews unless they commit themselves to *aliya*, the organization says.

In an attempt to combat the dropout phenomenon, the Jewish Agency has recently limited emigrants to three days' stay in Vienna, from where they must either fly to Israel or try to arrange entry into another country. But the Soviet authorities are more generous in granting exit permits to those likely to drop out than to those who want to come to Israel, the former prisoners claim. Exit permits for Soviet Jewish scientists, however, are more easily obtainable than in the past, since many others have been trained over the last decade to replace them.

Altogether, about 200,000 Soviet Jewish families have received invitations from the Jewish Agency to leave the USSR.

Record 4,000 Soviet Jews to emigrate

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jewish Agency expects Soviet Jewish emigration to reach an all-time high this month of 4,000 persons. But only 42 per cent of them are likely to come to Israel.

Agency aliya department director-general Yehuda Dominitz, just back from the U.S. where he conferred with HIAS and Joint Distribution Committee officials, disclosed the statistics at yesterday's Zionist executive meeting in Jerusalem.

Based on figures for the first few weeks of December, Dominitz predicted that the total emigration for the month would exceed that of the record in 1973.

Agency executive chairman Arye Dulzin, speaking at the meeting, called on the Diaspora Jewish communities to back the Israel government in its refusal to "submit to the dictates of the Egyptians and their demands to change the Camp David accords."

Jerusalem now monitoring pollution

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's first air pollution monitoring station was dedicated yesterday.

The device, located on a rooftop off Jaffa Road, will give municipal authorities data to be used in planning decisions such as the location of industrial sites, bus terminals, and other polluting elements. The fixed station is to be augmented by a mobile unit located for short periods in different parts of the city.

As part of the municipality's anti-pollution campaign, chimneys of suspected polluters will also be examined to determine the type and amount of pollution issuing from them. A detailed study of wind patterns in the city will be carried out. The programme is being coordinated by the municipality's Environmental Protection Unit headed by Mike Turner.

The monitoring station will also alert authorities to any critical pollution situations that would require temporary shutdown of certain operations.

Other cities with such monitoring stations are Tel Aviv, Haifa, Ashdod and Beersheba. Jerusalem's station is located at 44 Jaffa Road, which is used by the Hebrew University whose scientists are participating in the programme. Much of the financing and guidelines comes from the Environmental Protection Service in the Interior Ministry.

Prof. Ziv to Technion vice-presidency

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Jacob Ziv, professor of electrical engineering at the Technion and dean of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering between 1974-76, has been appointed vice-president for academic affairs.

Ziv has been with the scientific department of the Ministry of Defence as head of the communications division since 1962. In 1973 he was awarded the Israel Defence Prize.

STRIP SCHOOLS. — Seven new schools were dedicated in the Gaza Strip yesterday, three in Gaza town and the others in Jabalya, Abasan, Khan Yunis and Bani Suheila. There are now 77 state schools in the Strip, with 55,000 pupils from kindergarten through 12th grade. The total school population (including UNRWA schools) is 132,000.

Begin pledges to support law aiding large families

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Menahem Begin yesterday promised Zahavi, the Association for the Rights of Large Families, that he would do everything he could on behalf of a law benefiting large families.

According to Eliezer Jaffe of the Hebrew University school of social work and one of the leaders of the voluntary organization, the law has been "stuck" in the office of Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin, chairman of the Interministerial Committee for Social Betterment.

Dr. Jaffe said that before the elections, Begin and other Likud leaders signed a statement that they would support the law. The prime minister yesterday said that he would honour his signature, Jaffe reported.

Among the positive actions that the prime minister will undertake, will be to ask Yadin, Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich and Labour and Social Affairs Minister Israel Katz why the law is being held up. Ya'acov Ne'eman, an economist at Tel Aviv University and a founding member of Zahavi, will act as his liaison.

The law would give large families priority for aid in housing, offer greater tax relief and aid in preschool education. It also would give large families one-time purchasing benefits similar to those now offered to new immigrants.

Asian countries threaten boycott of Moscow Olympics

LONDON (Reuter). — Asian track and field officials will meet the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) in London next month for talks aimed at averting a threatened Asian boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

The Asian Games Federation (AGF) council decided unanimously in Bangkok on Monday that no Asian country would compete in any sport in Moscow if Asians were barred from the Olympics.

The IAAF refused to sanction the Asian Games track and field programme because Israel was not invited and declared Asian athletes in Bangkok ineligible for international competition.

John Holt, the IAAF general secretary, said yesterday that his London-based federation had not yet been officially informed of the Bangkok decision.

Meanwhile in Bangkok, Israel's flag was removed from a meeting of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) yesterday at the request of Arab delegates.

240 runners for Kinneret Marathon

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Sixty runners from 10 countries and 180 local athletes will contest the second Kinneret Marathon race on Saturday, December 30.

The 42.195 km. run, the official Olympic marathon distance, will start four kms. north of Ein Gev at 10.30 a.m. The runners will head southwards around the lake, will pass Tiberias and end the race at Kibbutz Ginossar.

Last year's winning time for the event — by Werner Durnbacher of West Germany was 2 hours 17.35 minutes. Durnbacher is expected to attempt to defend his title, but among other fancied runners will be Britain's Ian Thompson, who claims a best of 2 hours 9 minutes for the distance.

Uri Weinberg, chairman of the organizing committee, said that the competitors will range in age from 14 to 74 (a Dutchman) and five women have also registered to start, one of them a 43-year-old from Canada.

HAIFA SCHOLARSHIPS. — 150 scholarship loans of IL2,500 each from the Avraham Chorly Fund were awarded to students of the Technion, Haifa University and yeshiva students, at the Technion yesterday.

Top cage teams continue to win

By STEVE KAPLAN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ramat Gan Hapoel gained a firm hold on second place with a 92-81 away win against third-placed Haifa Hapoel, and the National Basketball League's top teams continued to win in Monday night's second round action.

League-leading Tel Aviv Maccabi played most of the game in second gear, but it was enough to defeat Ramat Gan Maccabi, 115-80, after leading 60-48 at the half.

Results of other games:

Tel Aviv Hapoel 106, Tel Aviv Elitzur 100. Yagur Ha'emek Hapoel 94, S. Tel Aviv Maccabi 73. Holon Hapoel 76, Tel Aviv Betar 68. Afula Hapoel 88, Gan Shmuel Hapoel 71.

Standings:

1. Tel Aviv Maccabi	13-0	26
2. Ramat Gan Hapoel	12-1	25
3. Haifa Hapoel	9-14	22
4. Tel Aviv Hapoel	9-4	22
5. Yagur Ha'emek Hapoel	7-5	19
6. Holon Hapoel	7-5	19
7. Gan Shmuel Hapoel	5-8	18
8. Ramat Gan Maccabi	5-8	18
9. Tel Aviv Betar	4-9	17
10. Afula Hapoel	3-10	16
11. South Tel Aviv Maccabi	2-11	15
12. Tel Aviv Elitzur	1-12	14

Arab councils funded largely by government

Government participation in the budgets of the Arab local councils exceeded 75 per cent of the total outlay, a study conducted by the Interior Ministry reveals.

According to the study, IL420m. was budgeted for the councils' activities. Some 20 per cent of this figure was raised through taxes and local financing. The total sum represents a 363 per cent increase over 1977's figure of IL265.2m.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said that the local councils in the Arab sector are currently receiving development budgets on the same scale as those allocated in the Jewish sector.

Meat thief chokes in Ashkelon street

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHKELON. — A local man, 28-year-old Shaul Kachir, choked and died yesterday morning on a piece of raw meat, police said.

The man reportedly stole a freshly cut hunk of beef from a butcher in the Old City of Migdal at 9:30 a.m. Passersby tried to stop him, but he ran out of the shop with the meat in his mouth, witnesses said. A few metres down the street Kachir collapsed and died, apparently having choked on the meat.

Kachir was a familiar face to local butchers, police said, because he frequently helped himself to their meat and consumed it raw.

He was taken to Barzilai Hospital yesterday, but police said the body would be taken for an autopsy to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir.

U.S. finds defective cables in 318 C-130s

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Defective engine control cables have so far been found in 318 of the 700 air force C-130 Hercules cargo planes grounded last week after one crashed killing all five crew members.

The air force said in a statement that only 373 of the Lockheed-built Hercules Turboprop planes have so far been inspected. Prior to the crash near Fort Campbell, Kentucky, the pilot radioed that he was having engine control problems.

In Israel military sources refused to comment directly on the report other than stating that Israel Air Force C-130's are being checked and that safety procedures are being rigidly adhered to. According to the International Institute for Strategic Studies, Israel has 26 of the aircraft.

LOTTO. — Winning numbers in this week's Lotto draw were: 6, 7, 11, 27, 30, 33. The extra number was 25. This week's top prize was worth IL4,998.-741.

Jail for 13-year-old recidivist: Judge finds no room in reformatory

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 13-year-old Ashkelon boy will spend the next three years of his life in jail because there is no room for him in a reform school.

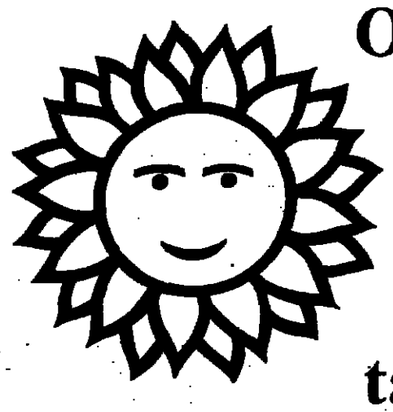
Ashkelon Juvenile Court Judge Shlomo Nahmias said in passing judgment on Monday that he had wanted to send the boy to a reformatory but had been told that there was no room available. On the advice of the police and the Probation Service, he sentenced the boy to three years in prison.

The boy already has a long record. He has been involved in criminal activities since the age of 10 and has appeared in various courts 16 times.

Not long ago he escaped from a reformatory and within three weeks committed 77 offences, among them burglary, use of a stolen car, arson and purse-snatching. He was also a passenger in a stolen car which ran down and fatally injured a 65-year-old Ashkelon resident. The car had been stolen for a joy ride.

The judge stressed that the youth should not be allowed out on leave at this stage, and when he is allowed out he should be accompanied by a youth counsellor.

A spokesman for the Prisons Service, which is now responsible for the youth, said he would be kept in a special ward at Tel Mond, which holds offenders up to 18 years old. He will receive intensive rehabilitation treatment, the spokesman added.



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Iran doctors lead protest demonstration in Tabriz

TEHERAN (Reuter). — Troops used tear gas against anti-Shah demonstrators in the northwestern city of Tabriz yesterday, Radio Iran said, as scattered protests against the embattled Iranian monarch continued.

Opposition sources said special commando units were rushed to Tabriz from Teheran on Monday night after about a dozen soldiers laid down their arms and joined demonstrators in the streets there.

The sources said the reinforcements were policing yesterday's demonstrations — one led by several hundred doctors and nurses protesting against an attack last week by pro-Shah groups, led by soldiers, on hospitals in the northeastern holy city of Mashhad.

Accounts of Monday's apparently minor crack in army discipline in Tabriz remained confused, and the government made no reference to the demonstrations except to deny BBC reports about them and to say that two people were injured.

The government denial did not give its own version of what did happen in Tabriz. This appeared to indicate official concern over the first confirmed case of soldiers joining opposition demonstrators in months of mounting religious and political agitation against the Shah.

Official sources said no more than a dozen soldiers broke ranks to join the demonstrators. Another account, from a non-Iranian source in Tabriz, put the figure at around 40, a similar count to that given by opposition politicians in Teheran who received telephoned reports from colleagues in Tabriz.

Reports from these sources said four or five people were killed during shooting in Tabriz on Monday.

Protests against the Mashhad incidents, in which four people were killed, were reported yesterday from hospitals in several other provincial towns.

At least 100 people were reported killed in clashes in the provinces last week during a military-backed pro-Shah movement which followed mammoth protests against the monarch early in the week.

The military-led government of General Gholamreza Azhari, trying to stamp out political violence and rectify Iran's disrupted economy, has since ordered an end to any violent street protests.

Evidence of success in attempts to end strikes came yesterday from Iran's oil industry, on which the economy depends. Production was reported up to 3.3 million barrels — more than half the normal rate — for the first time in nearly two weeks.

The Shah is continuing contacts this week with veteran politicians to sound out possibilities of forming a civilian government to replace General Azhari's administration, appointed last month. The Shah then pledged that Iran would return to civilian rule as soon as law and order had been restored.

A spokesman for retired politician Gholam-Hossein Sadighi, 73, a minister in the early 1950's, said yesterday that he was assessing proposals put forward by the monarch at a meeting two days ago. "They discussed the possible formation of a civilian government, but Dr. Sadighi asked for a week or two to study the many factors involved. Only then will he make a decision," the spokesman said.

Sadighi's name is one of those recurring in political discussions as a potential future prime minister, but only because more prominent opposition figures have already said they will not form or join a government under the present system.

Barry Berger, of the New Jewish Defence League, was arrested with another man on Monday on charges of plotting to bomb the Egyptian Government Tourist Centre in New York's Rockefeller Centre. The FBI says that Berger was picked up carrying a device consisting of two sticks of dynamite wired together. (AP radiophoto).

Freezing France hit by massive power failure

PARIS (AP). — An electric power failure hit vast areas of France and part of Switzerland yesterday, but officials said full or partial service was restored to most of the country in less than three hours. The mid-winter power shutdown at 8:30 a.m. stranded tens of thousands of Parisians in blacked-out subway trains and caused huge traffic jams in the streets above.

Electricite De France, the government power monopoly, said that by 10:45 a.m. half the normal output of 38,000 megawatts of electricity had been restored. Full service was restored to the eastern portion of the nation and partial service in the north, southwest and southeast, power company spokesman Maurice Faure said.

Officials said the breakdown was caused by the failure of a 400,000-volt supply line near Nancy, in eastern France. Some officials said the failure resulted from unexpectedly high loads being put on the system due to unusually low, below-freezing temperatures across the nation.

When the power went out, the temperature in Paris was minus 5 degrees centigrade, and in the Paris suburbs it was about minus 8.

There was no immediate word from scattered portions of Switzerland, affected by the power failure because they are served by the French company under a power-sharing agreement.

Hospitals switched to emergency generators, and no deaths or serious injuries due to the failure were reported. Officials said all the stranded subway riders were safely evacuated from the Metro system's network of tunnels.

Most public services and many banks and private businesses also functioned normally with emergency generators installed years ago because of the frequency of strikes by electrical workers.

Moscow flays China but easy on U.S.

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union yesterday took a wait-and-see attitude toward the U.S., but lashed out at China for attempting to play the America card against Moscow.

The first direct Soviet reaction to the announcement of diplomatic ties between China and the U.S. came in the Communist party daily "Pravda."

It was followed shortly by a commentary by Novosti news agency provided exclusively to UPI.

"Pravda" said that the belated opening of full diplomatic relations between Washington and Peking became possible only after the Chinese leadership took the road of open antagonism against the Soviet brand of socialism.

"Pravda" and Novosti both noted that U.S. President Jimmy Carter had declared that the new Washington-Peking ties would not result in damage to the Soviet Union or any other country.

"Naturally this is a very important statement, and only time will tell whether these words will correspond to practical deeds and political actions," "Pravda" said.

In Belgrade, Yugoslavia yesterday welcomed the establishment of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and China and said that it should help preserve world peace.

Iraqi diplomat defects

CAIRO (AF). — An Iraqi diplomat has left his job here and was granted political asylum yesterday by Egypt, the foreign ministry announced.

The official Middle East News Agency quoted the diplomat, attache Saadoun Hassan Zaroun, as saying he acted because of his belief "in the Arab policy of President Anwar Sadat." Zaroun later appeared on state-run television and stated his motives personally.

BREZHNEV. — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev was 72 yesterday, and Soviet sources in Moscow said he was working as usual at his Kremlin desk. But there was no mention of the occasion in the official press.

Equitorial Guinea leader accused of smashing skulls of opponents

GENEVA (Reuter). — The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) charged yesterday that President Francisco Macias Neuema of Equatorial Guinea was utterly ruthless in liquidating his political opponents and that the latest form of execution was to smash their skulls with iron bars.

Ten out of 12 cabinet ministers appointed during the West African country's independence in 1968 are now dead and as many as 100,000 of the total 400,000 inhabitants are estimated to have fled abroad, the ICJ said in a report.

The Geneva-based organization, which gave no source for its information, said political prisoners were still tortured and killed, adding: "Execution, no longer by shooting or garroting, is carried out by forcing the prisoner to kneel on the floor of the execution room and then smashing his skull with iron bars.

"The prison hospital usually attributes death to natural causes," said the ICJ, an independent body of lawyers which campaigns for the rule of law throughout the world.

It noted that the UN Commission on Human Rights, Amnesty International, the European Common Market and U.S. government had also expressed concern over the internal situation in Equatorial Guinea.

During 1977, about 250,000 Guinean citizens were forced into labour on cocoa plantations and they remained in constant fear of beatings, withholding of food rations, random brutality, molestation of women of all ages, and occasional killings, the ICJ said.

Soviets deny reports of cult's $7m.

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP). — The Soviet Embassy said on Monday that it knows nothing of reports the People's Temple ordered more than $7m. turned over to a Soviet official shortly before the mass suicide in which more than 900 persons died on November 18.

"The Soviet Union has nothing to do with that organization and can have no relations with that organization," embassy spokesman Alexander Kramer said.

The spokesman denied knowledge of letters released on Sunday during a coroner's inquest into the Jonestown deaths. The letters, seized by Guyanese authorities, contain instructions to Swiss banks in Panama and Caracas, Venezuela, to turn the money over to Soviet consul Feodor Timofeyev.

Guyanese police say they believe the instructions were never delivered and that the money is still in the banks.

In Washington, the U.S. Justice Department said it is trying to determine whether it has a claim to the millions of dollars stashed in a Swiss bank in Panama by the People's Temple.

Justice Department spokesman Terry Adamson said the department's civil division was evaluating U.S. claims to the funds, which could be used to reimburse the government for expenses in transporting the bodies of members of Rev. Jim Jones' cult from Guyana to the U.S.

Take the Christmas money and run

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter). — Thousands of rand in banknotes and coins tumbled at the feet of Christmas shoppers here on Monday — and it was every man for himself.

The R16,000 (IL340,000) bonanza was scattered as robbers grappled with their victim, a shop accountant on his way to the bank.

The cash bag broke and eager shoppers joined the five or six bandits and the accountant in a frantic scramble to gather up the money, eye-witnesses said.

The accountant managed to pick up R2,330 (IL50,000). The rest of the money — and the bandits — vanished.

Basque separatists kill industrialist

MADRID (AP). — Basque separatists yesterday assassinated their 57th victim this year only hours after the autonomous Basque General Council called for negotiations with terrorists to end the region's political violence.

Three hooded gunmen believed to be members of the Basque separatist organization ETA shot and killed industrialist Joaquin Maria Azaola as he left for work in the town of Guecho near Bilbao. The gunmen ambushed Azaola at the door of a nearby garage where he kept his car, then escaped in a waiting car.

Police sources said the industrialist had refused to pay a "revolutionary tax" demanded by ETA.

The killing came after the Basque Council said it was ready to talk to ETA about ending terrorism. But Interior Minister Rodolfo Martin Villa said the government would not talk to the separatists demanding independence of Spain's northern Basque provinces.

Rhodesia's black leader sees Owen

LONDON (UPI). — Chief Jeremiah Chirau, a member of the bi-racial transitional government in Rhodesia, conferred for one hour with Foreign Secretary David Owen yesterday on prospects for an all-party peace conference for the African country.

A Foreign Office spokesman said only, "They discussed the present situation in Rhodesia."

Chirau, leader of the Zimbabwe United Peoples Organization (ZAPU), indicated on arrival last weekend that he might seek to act as go-between with Patriotic Front guerrilla leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe to get them to the conference table. But a Foreign Office spokesman refused comment.

Int'l court won't rule on Aegean dispute

THE HAGUE (UPI). — The International Court of Justice announced yesterday that it could not arbitrate in the dispute between Greece and Turkey over delineation of the Aegean Sea continental shelf.

Greece took the issue to court on August 10, 1976, after Turkey sent a research vessel to make seismic soundings on the potentially oil-rich continental shelf. Turkey has said the court had no jurisdiction over the Aegean dispute and was not represented in court when hearings were held last October.

The court ruling, by 12 votes to two, said it accepted the Turkish argument that the dispute was one of domestic jurisdiction rather than one covered by the court's jurisdiction. The ruling rejected Greek arguments that the prime ministers of the two countries had committed themselves to having the shelf issue settled by the court.

Barnard may abandon heart transplants

CAPE TOWN (Reuter). — Heart transplant pioneer Christiaan Barnard yesterday said that he may abandon transplants and disband his team of surgeons because of a lack of heart donors.

"The whole thing has ground to a halt," said Barnard, who performed the world's first human heart transplant 11 years ago. "It's just not worthwhile going on like this."

There has not been a transplant at his Groote Schuur hospital for three months. Two patients died waiting for donors. He said that of three possible donors, none could eventually be used.

The surgeon said the medical profession itself was partly to blame — doctors were reluctant to refer patients' bodies to his team.

"We'll deal with the people who are waiting and then we're considering stopping the whole programme," he said.

Toy Fund to sponsor benefit fashion show tonight

The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund benefit fashion show, under the patronage of Mayor Teddy Kollek, takes place tonight at the Jerusalem Plaza Hotel. This is not the first time that the Toy Fund has held a benefit fashion show, but the last one was 20 years ago. Cocktails at 8.30 will precede a dashing presentation by Jerusalem's Stock & Co. of late spring and early summer fashions.

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Valuable door-prizes will be distributed, and Daniel Pe'er of TV fame will be the master of ceremonies.

We are indeed grateful to all those who have made this benefit show possible. The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund will be the recipient of all income; the tab is being picked up by those involved in making this show a memorable event.

The Bank Leumi Trust Company reported in yesterday with a total of IL8,771.61 from two funds it administers for the Post drive. The Sarah Horowitz Memorial Fund, now in its sixth year, was set up for us in accordance with her will, and the A.J.S. Fund, in its 11th year, comes from an anonymous gentleman in Brooklyn.

We are sorry that our totals were skipped in yesterday's report, but that makes it even nicer to announce that IL53,343.55 arrived over the last two days, bringing the total so far to IL262,643.55. Our list of contributors includes:

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IL200 On behalf of Shlomit Klar, 3½, for the children who are deprived of all what she has — with love, granny. In memory of my beloved husband Bandi from Gerda Grunwald.

$10 In memory of brother Al Allweiss — by Netti and Helga Allweiss, West Hartford, Conn. Mr. & Mrs. Birger Schapira, Stockholm, Sweden. In memory of Lowe and Gertrude Goldman — Morris Goldman, Boston, Mass. from our children Cary, David and Julie Rosenzweig who share their Hanukka with the children of Israel — from the Rosenzweig Clan, Hillsborough, California. Hyman and Rose Matasar, Munster, Ind. — in memory of Golda Meir. In honour of Michael, good luck and much success — Mom and Dad, Baltimore, Md. In memory of our daughter-in-law, Reva Belsky — by Ida and Max Belsky, Randolph, Mass.

IL180 Anonymous, Jerusalem.

IL175 In honour of our grandsons: Juval, Gil, Oren, Itamar, Doron, Jarik and Idan. May they live happily and in peace in this beautiful country and may they know no more wars — Families Kudler and Friedmann.

IL150 A. Davids in memory of Hens Lindeman. To our grandchildren: Carmi, Barak, Joav, Odet and Gideon — from the sabim in Ramat-Gan, Dama, Lioz, Mirit, Hagar and Yael. Ruth Baras, Holon. In honour of our grandchildren, Robert, Audrey and Jeffrey — from Mr. & Mrs. E. Neumann, Tel Aviv. Chile Bridge, Netanya.

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IL90 In memory of Amnon.

IL82 Good luck to Bridges from the Shuttler.

IL80 In memory of Golda from A.P.

IL72 Anonymous, Jerusalem. Good times. "Hai" for Ruthie, Assa, Eyal and Galit from Savta Shoshana.

IL63 From my bridge friends — Mary Sonnenfeld, Tel Aviv.

IL58 Anonymous, Kfar Vitkin.

$3 In memory of Golda Meir — Mrs. R. Huberman, San Francisco, Ca.

IL54 With blessings from Jerusalem for the speedy recovery of our dear friend Kate Tudin from Sid and Ben.

IL50 C.L. — in memory of Dr. Carle Lewin and Dr. Abraham Saper. To celebrate the 8th anniversary of my Aliya to Israel — Tova Herz, Rehovot. In memory of my sister — R. Israelson, Jerusalem. For my 8 grandchildren in Israel, Italy and "somewhere in Israel" especially for my soldier grandchild — Lotte-Ruth Sivron, Haifa. In loving memory of our great grandparents Tanya and Abram Ginsburg — from Adi, Merav, Gali, Tomer and Roy! in Israel and Jacqui and Hilty in South Africa.

IL46 In honour of the Hanevilim Folks from Del.

IL20 M. Greenspan, Jerusalem. In the name of our daughter Karen who will be 4 on Erev Hanukka and baby new — Angela and Hagai Golan, Kfar Daniel. Happy birthday Butch — Anonymous. Yosef we are proud of you — Anonymous.

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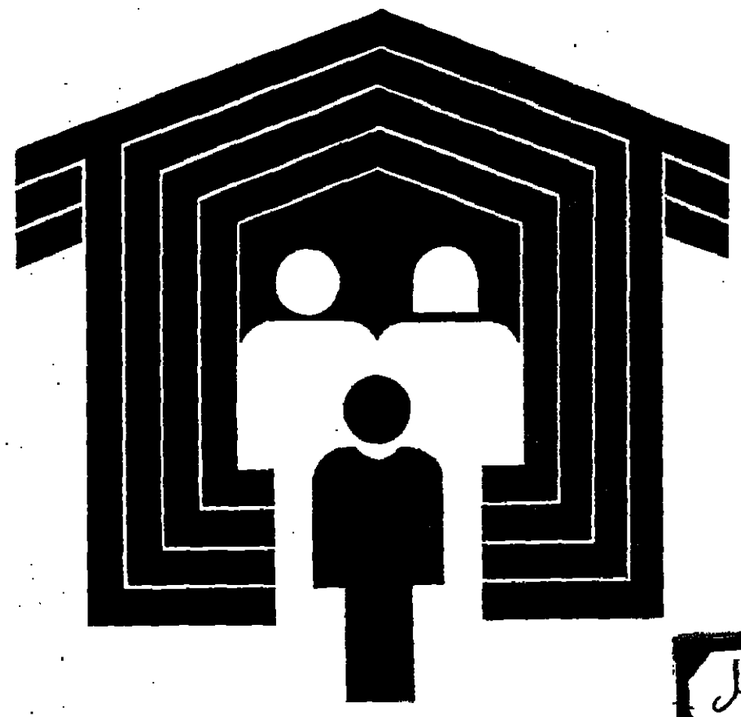

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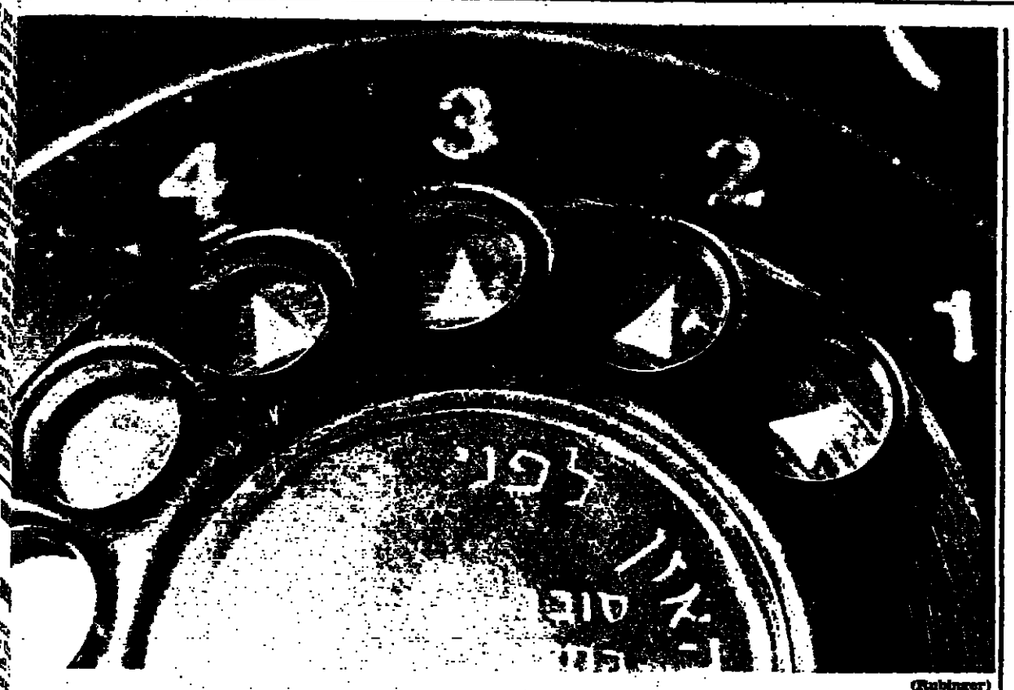

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CALL FOR HELP

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A WOMAN who has just found out her husband is unfaithful; a teenager who can't get along with her mother; someone so lonely and depressed that he or she considers suicide and yet still wants help to stay alive.

These are among the 75,000 people who have called Eran (Emotional First Aid Telephone Service) since it was founded in Jerusalem in 1971.

Its founder, Maria Bertha Zaslany, will receive the national volunteer service award today from President Yitzhak Navon.

Born in Italy and married to a well-known psychiatrist and psychologist, Dr. Arie Zaslany, she was aware of a similar telephone service in her native country and understood that a similar project could be invaluable to mental health here. When her husband died, she decided to set up Eran in his memory, with the help of psychiatrists and psychologists from among his former colleagues and with the backing of Kalben, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, the Ministry of Health and enthusiastic friends in Italy.

"We don't offer therapy, and I'm not even sure help is the right word," she said in explaining Eran's service. "What we do offer people is a chance to talk about their problems to someone who will listen and will help them see their problems more clearly."

CALLS to Eran are anonymous and, as one volunteer put it, "People don't have to fill out forms, wait in line or face me across the desk." Some of the volunteers happen to be trained social workers, psychologists or psychiatrists, but many are people from other walks of life. They receive a training course, as well as supervision and case conferences, to prepare them for answering calls.

Because Eran's service is confidential, Mrs. Zaslany and the other volunteers refrain from citing case histories. They are willing to say, however, that most of the callers are aged 18 — 35. Some are chronic callers, including persons under psychiatric care. The Eran volunteer is simply someone they can talk to, someone who can offer a friendly ear and a kind word of encouragement.

There are, of course, crank callers, whom the volunteers take seriously despite the annoyance because they feel that someone who bothers to make a crank call has a problem. (Though suicide cases comprise a tiny percentage of Eran's calls, they are the most dramatic, and crank callers usually pretend to have attempted suicide. Background laughter usually alerts the volunteer to a prank.).

SUICIDE CASES, because of their dramatic nature, are one thing on which Mrs. Zaslany and others at Eran are ready to give at least some details. Often, the Eran volunteer can save lives when a person who attempts suicide regrets it and calls for help. Sometimes the volunteer succeeds in getting the name and address of the victim and goes in person to the rescue. In other cases, the volunteer phones the police with whatever information he or she has succeeded in getting before the caller hung up or lost consciousness.

Today, Eran has five branches — Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Netanya and Beersheba — and about 300 volunteers. More volunteers are always needed. The Jerusalem central branch is fortunate in having someone always available to substitute for a volunteer who is ill or otherwise unavailable. For that reason the service can be offered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Tel Aviv also tries to provide 24 hour a day service, but when a volunteer is unavoidably absent and a replacement cannot be found, there is no choice but to activate a recording device referring callers to other branches. Netanya, Beersheba and Haifa operate only eight hours a day, from the afternoon till around midnight. Additional hours will be added, the coordinators of those branches promise, when a cadre of volunteers available for morning or night work can be trained.

"Over 60 per cent of those who come to us with problems say thank you and tell us that we've helped them go on," Mrs. Zaslany said. "How many public services are there with a record like that?"

In defence of the right not to know

ALL IN THE FAMILY/Eleanor Harris

LESBIAN FEMINISTS here have formed a group called "Aleph." Its brochure describes the organization as engaging in social and political activities purporting to increase knowledge about and consciousness of lesbians and women in general, and to create a social climate conducive to creating a feminist culture.

Several first-person accounts describing the organization and members' life style appeared in "Ma'ariv" on November 24. The following is a translated quote from the article:

"The two of them had returned just recently from a four-month stay in Europe. 'We went to enjoy ourselves. Europe relates to women like ourselves with greater understanding. There it is possible to do anything without hiding it. In any case, we don't know anybody there.'

H. has no father and has lived most of her life with her mother. Today the mother knows that her daughter is a lesbian. How did the mother take this news? 'She cried terribly,' related H. 'She pleaded with me to try to change... She cried for days on end. She simply refused to come to terms with the idea. Today, after six years, she finally understands that it is impossible for me to change. I live with my friend in the house with my mother, in a separate room. This isn't the most comfotable arrangement in the world, but, at the moment we don't have enough money to rent an apartment of our own.'

H.'s story is either liberated, brave, sad or repelling — depending on one's personal viewpoint. But it's her story — her life — and as far as I am concerned, her sexual behaviour should be the concern of her partner only.

What does concern me is the relationship between an adult child and a parent in a situation where one person exercises his rights at the expense of another. H.'s right to engage in a private relationship is taken for granted. But does her mother's right to privacy entitle her to immunity from sharing her daughter's secrets? Is there such a thing as the right not to know?

If there is such a right, how does one secure it? Does the right of privacy include the privilege of *not* being privy to painful secrets? Should a parent enjoy the right *not* to share her home on the daughter's terms?

MOTHER H., being a grandmother many times over, has at least a passing acquaintanceship with sex. Sex, plain and variegated, had already been discovered when she was growing up. What was different was that the community was far less accepting of homosexuals, or for that matter of heterosexuals who acted outside of the rules. When people had pre-marital, extra-marital, or homosexual affairs, they made sure that their parents didn't know about it.

And so Mother H.'s generation grew up with ideas about sex that today are outmoded, discarded, and considered just plain peculiar by their children. But one's values are not easily discarded. Mother H. is pretty well stuck with her ideas, even though the children and grandchildren think they are silly. But doesn't Mother H.'s basic freedoms include the right to hang on to her out-dated sense of values?

When people reache the grandparent stage of life, the "mother" and "father" titles they retain are mostly honorary. They are no longer the support and sustenance of their progeny; they no longer have any authority to control or direct their children's lives. Neither by legal means nor by force can they impose their will or their desires upon their adult children. What influence they do have results from mutual respect and consideration. When these elements are absent, any relationship becomes vulnerable to manipulation and exploitation.

I don't know whether Mrs. H. was feeling exploited or angry or even if she had time, in between her fears, to think about what she was feeling. But she has stopped crying. She loves her daughter and will accept her as she is, because neither one of them has any choice in the matter. That does not mean that she can ever be comfortable with her daughter's sexual behaviour. That does not mean that the couple's presence on the other side of the bedroom wall will contribute to her own restful slumber.

Mother H. is caught in a terrible bind. She might want to refuse daughter and partner a room in her home, but she would find it almost impossible to do so, because she believes in being "a Loving Mother." It's bad enough to be considered old-fashioned and narrow-minded and intolerant about sex. But to be considered tight-fisted too, for begrudging her daughter (who is temporarily short of cash after four months in Europe) a roof over her head would be more than her self-image could bear.

LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, by their very nature, must be aggressive. No establishment has ever been known to seek out the under-privileged or persecuted minorities and present them with their civil and human rights nicely tied up in a gift package. People win their right by being organized, active and visible. Putting one's cause in the public eye is what it's all about. Many persons relinquish their privacy and anonymity to further a cause. This is not at all the same thing, however, as forcing knowledge on someone who may be better off without it.

Mother H. does not represent the society that must be educated to be less hostile and less repressive. Much as H. wants and needs her mother's total and unconditional approval, if she claims to be a responsible adult, then she must be willing to weigh her own desires against her mother's well-being. A member of an organization dedicated to increase consciousness of all that is related to lesbians and *women in general* is not entitled to ignore the sensibilities of middle-aged grandmothers just because they also happen to be someone's mother.

Young people have argued vigorously that it condones hypocrisy to expect people to deny or hide their sexuality just because others might not approve. The argument they save for the last thrust is that mothers are not stupid or unintuitive, that they are just pretending they don't know. Mothers are being hypocritical by playing ostrich.

What is never considered is that the need to play the ostrich (or at least not to talk about a painful subject) is just as great a need for Mother H. as is her daughter's need for sexual fulfilment.

If we agree that sex is a private matter between consenting adults — and "private" is the operative word — then other private matters should be subject to the same restriction — of being mutually acceptable and tolerable. To force a parent to accept painful knowledge (that a parent can do absolutely nothing with except cry over it) is not only useless, it is an intrusion into his private life. An intrusion upon an individual's mental and moral concepts is no less an invasion of privacy than kicking in the bedroom door.

Bringing a lover to board in Mama's house in contravention to Mama's moral code is just as great a violation of personal freedom as is job discrimination because of sex. And the hurt is all the greater for having been inflicted by a loved one.

Hanukka favourites

FROM MY JERUSALEM KITCHEN/Sybil Zimmerman

HERE ARE Hanukka favourites with a few variations.

POTATO LATKES (LEVIVOT)
6 servings

6 peeled medium potatoes
1 large onion
2 eggs
1½ t. salt
¼ t. pepper
½ cup flour
oil

1. Grate potatoes and onion with a hand grater or in blender. Add eggs, salt, pepper and flour and blend well.

2. Heat oil in a frying pan. Drop batter by tablespoons and fry until brown on both sides. Drain on paper towel and keep warm in the oven until serving.

If you're having a party and want to make latkes ahead of time, follow these directions but drain them very well and then wrap in foil and freeze. They can keep at least two weeks in the freezer. When ready to serve, heat foil packages or put latkes on cookie sheet in oven.

MASHED POTATO PANCAKES
4 servings

6 baking potatoes, pared and cut up (1½ (kilos)
2 t. salt
¼ cup butter or margarine
1 cup chopped onion
6 egg yolks
3 T. heavy whipping cream or pareve whip
⅛ t. pepper
½ cup flour
1 cup bread crumbs
oil

1. Place peeled potatoes in water to cover with 1 t. salt and bring to a boil. Cook until tender, then drain. Meanwhile place 1 T. butter or margarine in a saucepan, add onions and saute until tender.

2. Place potatoes in mixing bowl and beat with electric mixer until smooth. Add 3 T. butter or margarine, sauteed onion, egg yolks, 1 t. salt and pepper. Add cream a little at a time and continue beating until mixture is fluffy. Add more salt if necessary. Place in refrigerator for 1 hour.

3. Put flour and bread crumbs on two sheets of wax paper. Drop chilled mixture onto flour, flatten into pancakes about 3 inches wide (7½cm.), or whatever size you wish, then dip in bread crumbs. Heat oil in frying pan and fry pancakes on both sides until brown. Drain on paper towels and keep warm in oven until ready to serve.

MINI SOOFGANIOT WITH YEAST

25 grams yeast
1 T. sugar
1 T. water
1 T. flour
3 cups flour
50 grams melted butter or margarine
dash salt
1 t. cognac
3 T. sugar
2 egg yolks
1¼ cups water or half water half milk
oil
powdered sugar

1. Combine yeast with 1 T. sugar, 1 T. water and 1 T. flour in a bowl. Mix well, cover with a towel and let rise.

2. In second bowl, combine flour, melted butter or margarine, dash salt, cognac, sugar and egg yolks and mix well. Add yeast mixture and blend. Add water or water and milk. Stir until smooth. Cover bowl with towel and set aside to rise.

3. Lay towel on counter or table and sprinkle with flour. Pour risen dough onto floured surface. Cover with towel and flatten. Take brandy snifter or juice glass and cut out circles of dough. Cover pieces with towel and let rise.

5. Heat oil in a deep pot. Drop pieces of dough in oil and fry until brown on both sides. Drain on paper towel, then sprinkle with powdered sugar.

NO YEAST MINI DOUGHNUTS

oil
1 cup flour
1½ t. baking powder
½ t. salt
2 T. sugar
½ t. nutmeg
2 T. oil
¾ cup milk or pareve whip
1 egg

1. Combine flour, baking powder, salt, sugar and nutmeg in a bowl. Add oil, milk or pareve whip and egg and blend.

2. Heat oil, several inches deep, in a deep pot. Drop batter by the teaspoonful into hot oil. Fry until brown on all sides. Drain on paper towels. Roll in cinnamon-sugar or glaze.

Sending and getting messages

BRIDGE
George E. Levinrew

MESSAGE-sending and message reading are important aspects of defensive play. Here is how it worked in an American championship game in Toronto:

Vul: N - S

NORTH
♠ K 10 7 4
♡ Q J 7 5 2
◇ J 5
♣ 3 2

WEST
♠ 3
♡ K
◇ Q 10 9 6
♣ A K J 10 8 7 4

EAST (D)
♠ A Q J 9 8 3
♡ —
◇ 8 4 3 2
♣ Q 9 5

SOUTH
♠ 5 6
♡ A 10 9 8 6 4 3
◇ A K 7
♣ 6

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
3 ♠	4 ♡	All Pass	

West led the club king and switched to the spade 2. The spade king was played from the dummy and East won with the ace. With South following suit, East knew that West's spade deuce was a singleton and not low from three. East won the next trick with the spade queen. On this West dropped the club ace. The message clearly meant to discontinue clubs. The choice for a lead was a diamond or a spade. If West had a diamond trick such as king or ace there was no hurry to play the suit. Declarer would have to lead this suit eventually. So perhaps there was a trump promotion. A low spade was led and West had to win the setting trick with the heart king.

Admirable musicians

MUSIC REVIEW
Dora Sowden

THERE ARE occasions, even with the greatest performers in action, when one wishes the beginning of their programme had become them as much as the end. The thought sprang to mind again when two admirable musicians, Carmela Saghy (violin) and Benjamin Oren (piano) gave a joint recital in Beit Ha'am (December 17) in aid of the Music Department of the Jerusalem City Library.

Had they played the Schubert Sonatina (A Minor, Op.137, No.2) as they did the Beethoven Sonata (D Major, Op.12, No.1), one might even have called this concert a gem.

Carmela Saghy, originally from Brazil, now leader of the Kibbutz Orchestra, is undoubtedly an accomplished player. Benjamin Oren's sensitive playing is well known (and welcome) on Jerusalem platforms. In the early Beethoven (he was still in his twenties) the two produced a texture, sure in tempi and in touch, and gave the work a bloom not often projected from its material.

Benjamin Oren really kept up a steady excellence as partner in all three compositions, neither effacing himself (as some pianists do) nor hogging more than his share (as others do). Had the violinist matched his way of balancing singing quality with declamatory passages, the Schubert would have benefitted. As it was, despite her fine, flexible bow arm, she often let tone harden where Schubert required what can only be called simplicity of heart.

The Beethoven Op.30, No.2 was much more suited to her style of attack and the Allegro finale was a high moment to remember, but she kept the real surprises of her playing — its tonal control, its capacity for direct statement, as much as for bold sweep — for the lesser work.

The pianist showed superior powers as soloist in three Schubert impromptus, getting more interesting with each one so that the A Flat Major (Op.90, No.4) was impeccable. Yet without wishing to derogate this performance, one must say he was at his finest as a partner — poised in relation to the violin without ever losing forward impulse — a pleasure on the ear.

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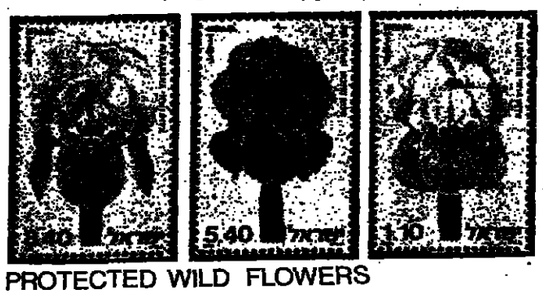

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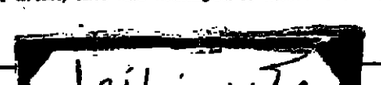

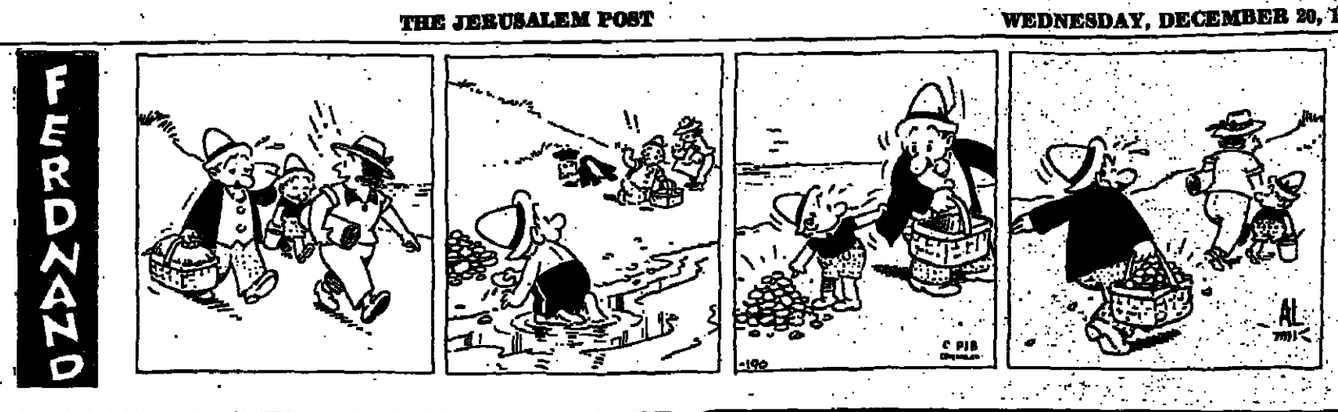

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10.15 Elementary school broadcasts
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11.35 Musical Traditions — The Hebrew Mass of the Dominican Order
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13.00 (Stereo): Beethoven: Symphony No.8 (Bernstein); Bizet: Jeux D'Enfants; Mendelssohn: Early Symphony No.12
14.10 Children's programmes
16.05 (Stereo): Frankfurt Radio Orchestra, Eliyahu Inbal conducting — Webern: Passacaglia Op. 1; Symphony Op. 21; Debussy: Cathedrale Engloutie (orchestrated by Juan-Allende Bellin); Brahms: Violin Concerto in D Major Op. 77 (Ida Handel)
20.15 (Stereo): New Records and Recordings
21.00 Everyman's University
21.30 Music Symposium — Ben-Haim — from song to symphonic movement
22.05 (Stereo): Puccini: La Boheme (Georg Solti) (complete opera) Thursday 21.12

Second Programme

7.00 This Morning — news commentary
8.10 Good Morning — songs, chat
13.00 Midday — news commentary, music
14.10 Selection of opera music
15.05 There is a land — Hebrew songs
16.05 Magazine on science, technology and medicine
16.10 Press Conference
17.10 Joke after Joke — songs, humour, gags (repeat)
18.05 Of Figures and Men
19.00 Today — People and events in the news
19.47 Bible Reading: Kings I 15, 16
20.05 *"Close to my Heart"*
21.05 Light Classical Music
22.05 Beautiful Land (repeat)
22.05 Good Advice — a panel answers listeners' questions

Army

6.30 University on the Air — Prof. Yosef Agassi and Prof. Dov Rappel discuss the philosophy of education
7.07 "707" — Alex Aviki presents selections of music and items from the morning newspapers
8.05 IDF morning newsreel
9.05 Israeli Winter — three hours of music, skits, jokes and news flashes, with Eli Yisraeli
12.45 15 Minutes — political commentary
13.05 Today's Favourite — songs with a special theme
14.05 Two Hours — music and cinema, and theatre reviews, interviews and anecdotes
16.05 Frank Sinatra in Concert — recordings of a performance held at Madison Square Gardens
17.05 IDF Evening Newsreel
18.05 David Ben-Gurion — readings from his personal diary (part two)
18.45 Foreign Language Hit Parade
21.00 Mabat — radio transmission of the TV newsreel
21.35 University on the Air — the philosophy of education (repeat)
22.05 Tonight — discussion, interviews with Michael Handelzaltz
23.45 IDF midnight newsreel
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat

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0500 Alitalia 763 Melbourne, Sydney, Singapore, Bombay
1225 El Al 010 New York
1350 AUA 711 Vienna
1420 LTU 376 Dusseldorf
1430 TWA 860 Kansas City, Chicago, New York, Athens
1445 El Al 564 Teheran
1520 Sterling 309 Helsinki Rhodes
1555 Lufthansa 606 Frankfurt, Munich
1615 SAS 771 Copenhagen
1625 Danair 1782 London, Gatwick
1640 Britannia 140A Luton, Athens
1715 TWA 840 Phoenix, Chicago, Boston, Paris
1725 KLM 526 Copenhagen
1735 Britannia 817A Birmingham, Athens
1855 El Al 362 Munich, Vienna
1905 El Al 574 Bucharest, Istanbul
1910 Olympic 801 Athens
1930 Swissair 336 Zurich
1940 El Al 356 Rome
2040 El Al 334 Brussels, Zurich
2050 British Air 576 London
2200 El Al 316 London
2205 El Al 322 Paris, Marseille
2235 Air France 130 Paris, Nice

DEPARTURES
0635 Alitalia 763 Rome
0640 TWA 803 Paris, New York
0650 El Al 563 Teheran
0700 Swissair 333 Zurich
0710 TWA 811 Rome, Paris, Boston, Chicago, Kansas City, Los Angeles, San Francisco
0735 El Al 331 Marseille, Brussels
0750 Olympic 302 Athens
0800 El Al 029 Paris, Montreal, New York
0810 KLM 526 Amsterdam
0820 El Al 325 Zurich, Paris
0840 El Al 361 Munich, Vienna
0850 British Air 577 London
0900 El Al 611 Nairobi, Johannesburg
0910 TWA 881 Athens, New York
0930 Air France 187 Paris
1035 El Al 573 Istanbul, Bucharest
1100 El Al 315 London
1200 El Al 385 Rome
1440 AUA 712 Vienna
1535 LTU 377 Dusseldorf
1625 Sterling 310 Rhodes, Helsinki
1655 Lufthansa 605 Frankfurt
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Jerusalem

MUSEUMS
Israel Museum Exhibitions: From the *archaeological collections of the museum.* Objects of various periods and materials not ordinarily on display. **Aphrodite, A Greek Goddess.** Hellenistic and Roman sculpture of the Goddess of Love with an anthology of Greek love poetry. **Neolithic figurines from Sha'ar Hagolan. Structures Sonores Lazry-Baschet** (Lazry-Baschet Sound Structures). Works which are both sculptures and musical instruments. **Picasso's Women. Childhood Drawings and Paintings of Israeli Artists** (side by side with their mature works). **With a Pencil.** Possibilities of creative work with a pencil. **Exhibit of the Month: Arad and Sinai.** Resemblance in the architecture and pottery of sites in Sinai and the Canaanite city of Arad.
Rockefeller Museum Exhibit of the *Month: Two rare Egyptian gold coins of* the Persian and Hellenistic periods. Bronze figurine of Alexander the Great, late Hellenistic period. Special Exhibit: Prehistoric hunters' sites in northern Sinai.
Visiting hours: Israel Museum: Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tue. 4-10 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Shrine of the Book, Billy Rose Art Garden:** Sun., Mon., Wed., Thur. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tue. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Rockefeller Museum:** Sun. — Thur. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri., Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets for Sat. and holidays must be purchased in advance at the Museum, Cahana or major Jerusalem hotels; in Tel Aviv at Rococo, Hadran and Kastel. **Free guided tours in English,** Sun., Wed., 11.00 a.m., Tues. 4.30 p.m. from upper entrance hall.
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Tel Aviv

MUSEUMS
Beth Hatefutsoth. The Jewish Diaspora, past and present, presented by the most modern technology and graphic techniques: films, slide shows, audio-visual displays, computer terminals, etc. In the exhibition gallery: The last Jews of Radauti — photographs by Laurence Salzmann. **Visiting hours:** Sunday, Monday, Tuesday 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday 8 p.m. — 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday closed. Beth Hatefutsoth is located at Klausner St., Ramat Aviv (entrance through Gate 2 of Tel Aviv University campus).
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EVERY THING IN ITS PLACE. REPORT SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS!

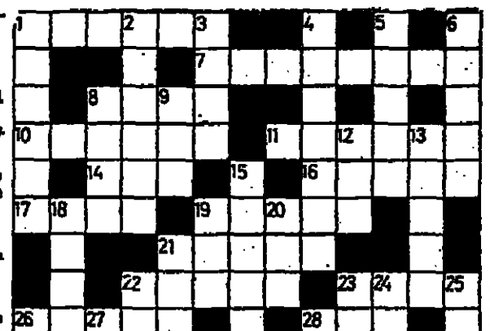
TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Solutions to today's puzzle tomorrow

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS
4 More work, we read (6)
7 Yearns to be good, but it's unlikely* (4, 4)
8 Stand or stumble on a piece of wood (6)
10 Searches for Sikhs? (5)
13 A run in the theatre (4)
14 Dad gets a posh car for Catherine (4)
15 To be, or not to be (4)
16 Fishy feature of "free elections" (3)
17 Semi-Anglo-Saxon area! (4)
19 Headily unadorned (4)
21 Dad's crazy "Party Nite!" (9)
23 One of those cabbages and kings (4)
24 Yugoslavian bird circle (4)
26 Juvenile drink (3)
27 John's "coat"? (4)
29 Catch Spike! (4)
32 A ride, just for a break? (4)
33 Look out for some rain, this being water! (5)
34 The chap was false about being a friend (6)
35 *Overall you don't need, possibly!* (3, 2, 3)
36 Wooden-faced beauty (6)

DOWN
1 Hold many a snake (5)
2 Bit of a bounder in an interior position (5)
3 This island goddess (4)
4 Say to be absolute? (5)
5 Neatest to order it! (4)
6 I get the boys straightened out (6)
9 Not the sort of punch for a good sportsman (6)
11 Listener in arrears (3)
12 Village rebuilt for a lark (5)
13 The Arne composition to give encouragement (7)
15 Compete in life (3)
16 Elysian city (3)
18 Tread on some people, that's plain (6)
20 Make up a sound (3)
21 Shoot in the stomach? (2)
22 One point to the Italian, no score to me (3)
23 Labourer to cry and tell lies? (6)
25 Metal used in knitting needles (3)
28 Bird going East for the ride, maybe (6)
30 Like one's views on a horse? (5)
31 City — but also United! (5)
32 Sighs audibly for greatness (4)
33 Their use in radio, possibly, becomes hard (4)



Use the same diagram for either Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS
4 Nethermost (8)
7 Pass on the road (8)
8 Dealing place (6)
10 Finished (5)
13 Mere (4)
14 Powdery particles (4)
15 Hypocritical talk (4)
16 Unit of current, in short (3)
17 Chief (4)
19 Girl (4)
21 Clean-shaven (9)
23 Chestnut husk (4)
24 Prank (4)
26 Heavy weight (3)
27 Undesirable plant (4)
29 God of love (4)
32 Mines (4)
33 Skilful (5)
34 Adequate amount (6)
35 Be superior to (6)
36 Horses (6)

DOWN
1 Wicked (6)
2 Clues (5)
3 Collar-fastener (4)
4 Citrus fruit (5)
5 Hospital room (4)
6 Emits vapour (6)
9 Stag's horn (6)
11 Bolt fastener (3)
12 Anaesthetic (5)
13 Wades (7)
15 Automobile (3)
16 Donkey (3)
18 Insect (6)
20 Requested (5)
21 Small cake (3)
22 Boy (3)
23 Headgear (6)
25 Uppermost part (3)
28 Cultural characteristics (5)
30 Give back (5)
31 Hide away (5)
32 Unsullied (4)
33 Architectural feature (4)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS.—1, Boston. Explorer, 8, Taps. 10, Dorset. 11, A-4 will. 14, Fer. 16, Tonal. 18, Tied. 19, Line-N. 21, Mater. 22, Sight. 23, Mars. 26, Desks. 27, Car. 29, A-spire. 32, Not-is (gin). 33, E-lis. 35, Caroline. 36, Dry-den.
DOWN.—1, Bandit (banned). 2, Tassed. 3, Nest. 4, Flatter. 5, Brain (child). 6, Drill. 8, Tree. 9, Fer. 12, W-on. 13, L-ater. 15, Tit-be. 18, Is-les. 19, Lag. 20, Nor (rev). 21, Mirror. 22, Sit. 24, Motley. 24, A-rin. 25, Sign. 26, Dan-ce. 27, Spare. 28, Col(lie). 30, N-E-Ed.

Yesterday's Easy Solution
ACROSS.—1, Fumble. Abrasive. 8, Acre. 10, Locket. 11, Finest. 14, Hen. 16, Tides. 17, Suet. 19, Aural. 21, Uncut. 22, Uncle. 23, Past. 26, Beast. 28, Pan. 29, Orders. 30, Molten. 31, Idle. 32, Eventual. 33, Endure.
DOWN.—1, Frills. 2, Bucket. 3, East. 4, Habitat. 5, Lived. 6, Feats. 8, Acte. 9, Ten. 12, Nil. 13, Sells. 15, Lucid. 18, Under. 19, Ank. 20, Rue. 21, Untruth. 22, Use. 23, Pallid. 24, Ante. 25, Tangle. 26, Bored. 27, Adieu. 28, Pod. 30, Mile.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Smart price rises as public is buying again

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — It was like the good old days yesterday. The share market was in high gear, with all sectors performing admirably and prices rising smartly. The general public also has come back from the sidelines and joined the small group of investors who have been bidding up prices over the past three weeks. Turnover, in shares alone, was in excess of IL75m. "Buy bank shares" was the favourite admonition making the rounds, and the advice was being taken seriously.

The Mizrahi shares rose by five points each, while Bank Leumi, Hapoalim and IDB advanced by two points. Union Bank was also on the bandwagon and gained 15, to 433. The best action by any commercial bank was that of the Israel General Bank, whose shares rose by 13 points, to 406. The attendant convertibles were 6.5 points higher, at 126. Mortgage bank issues fell in line and extended their recent gains. General Mortgage was 12 higher, at [illegible]. The bank's 50 per cent dividend shares gained 17, to 335.

The Carmel New shares were almost a full 10 per cent better, at 5. Ampal was a stellar feature, with a 5.9 per cent jump, to 565. Insurance stocks were also higher, but the advance was not as sharp. Hasmeh scored a 12-point gain, to [illegible], while Phoenix IL1 was gaining eight, to 418. At this level the Phoenix IL1 shares are only seven points below their original issue price. Securitas was 13 to the good, at 369. Zur at 505 reflected a 10-point gain. Delek (B) was 5.5 per cent higher, at 305.

Israel Electric was the beneficiary of a 12-point rise, to 338.

Land development and real estate shares, with the exception of Rassco pref., were all higher. Azrim gained 14, to 485, while ILDC rose by seven, to 257. Solel Boneh continued to gallop ahead and added 20 points, to 696. Mehadrin added on 90 points, to 1,880.

Industrials were also in demand, with moderate price appreciation in evidence throughout the list. Teva (R) reached the 800-mark after a 14-point move. The bearer shares were 54 points higher, at 1,134. Moller Textiles finally reached the 500-mark, after advancing 20 points. The shares are now priced at the same level at which Delta Textiles was reputed to have purchased a stake in the Moller company. Polgat at 502 reflected a 10-point rise.

Oil Exploration of Paz gained 5.3 per cent, to 158, in active trading.

Investment company stocks also enjoyed a good session. Clal Industries outpaced all shares in the group with a 5.8 per cent jump, to 328. Clal Investments was up by eight, to 492.

Index-linked bonds continued soft, with losses ranging anywhere up to three per cent.

Active Issues			
Mizrahi (R)	225	+5.0	IL3,075,000
Bank Leumi	346.5	+2.0	IL1,600,000
Mizrahi (B)	227	+5.0	IL1,530,000
Shares traded:			IL75.5m.
Convertibles:			IL7.2m.

	19.12.78	18.12.78
Index-Linked		
Government		
Dead Sea	1920	1920
Electric Corp. "B"	585	590
Issue 22	107.1a	106.8
Cost-of-Living		
Other Linked		
Govt. 1966 (1)	1585	1591
Govt. 1967 (1)	1560	1571
'68 (41)	—	—
'69 (41)	533.5	537.5
'69 6.5% (66)	742.2	740.8
'69 6.5% (91)	644.9	638.4
Dollars		
[illegible] 3534	109.6	109.6
[illegible] 313	651	652
[illegible] 4% 3001	589.9	589.9
Convertibles		
Mizrahi	294	280
Bank Leumi	428	423
Delek	196	189.5
Disc. Inv.	265	255
International	117	117
Commercial and Holding Companies		
Amidar Hityashvut	333	332
[illegible]	445	443
Amidar "A"	433	418
Amidar Mizrahi	227	222
Bar Hoalim	503	501
[illegible]	346.5	344.5
[illegible]	389.5	387.5
Gen. Mortgage	356	344
Gen. Mtge.	322	312
[illegible]	454.5	454.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	167.5
Financial Institutions		
Int. Dev. Bank 8%	139	139
[illegible]	690	690
[illegible]	414	402
[illegible]	440	440
[illegible]	363	356
[illegible]	505	498
[illegible]	418	410
Phoenix		
Real Development		
Real Estate		
[illegible]	485	471
[illegible] Israel IL10	940	940
[illegible] Land Dev.	257	250

Property & Building	396	388
Isras	511	511
Mehadrin	1880	1790
ICP Plantations	1210	1190
Neot Aviv	553	545
Pri Or	820	812
Rassco 8%	285	290
Rassco (ord)	290	284.5
Industrials		
Alliance	1365	1365
Elco IL2.5	242	235
Electra IL5	330.5	323.5
Argaman (ord)	268	260
Ata "B"	180	180
Dubek	752	750
Elect. Wire & Cable	159.5	156.5
Teva	800	786
Fertilizers	210	212
Rim Ind.	534	534
Moller Textiles	500	480
Paper Mills	468	468
Assis	273	269.5
Nechushtan	1535	1535
Elite	335	335
Shemen	292	280.5
Frutarom	98	97.5
Polgat	502	492
Elron IL2	519.5	519.5
Israel Petrochem. (ord)	134	130
Investment Companies		
Elgar	331	315
Ellern	634	623
Israel Central Trade	1555	1555
Bank Hapoalim	411	407
Paz Inv.	251	244
Wolfson IL10	239	232
Ampa	237	226
Discount Bank	392	379
Mizrahi	380	370
Bank Leumi	386	372
Piryon	260	255
Jordan Exploration	435.5	433.5
Jordan Explo Warrants	1550	1500
Hassuta	727	725
Export	468.5	445.5
Clal Inv.	492	484
Clal Ind.	328	310
Clal Real Estate	213.5	203.5
Fuel & Oil		
Nephta	704	700
Lapidot	860	860
Delek	305	289
Israel Electric	336	324
Paz Oil Exploration	158	150

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[illegible] T & T	50⅝	Gen Dynam	—	NCR	56⅞
[illegible] Rich	56	Gen Foods	32	Occ Pet	15⅝
[illegible]	21¼	Gen Motors	54⅝	Pan Am	6⅝
[illegible]	51½	Gen Tel	28¼	Phil Pet	30⅛
[illegible] How	15¼	Gen Tire	24⅝	Polaroid	47⅞
[illegible] St.	19½	Gillette	—	RCA corp.	25¼
[illegible]	68¼	Grace	26⅝	Royal Dutch	59⅞
[illegible] My	32⅜	Gulf West	13⅝	Sears Roe	20½
[illegible]	70¼	Gulf Oil	28⅞	Singer	13¼
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IBM does well in New York

NEW YORK (AP). — International Business Machines (IBM) shares rallied on news of a planned stock split, but the rest of the stock market tended to settle for a mixed showing yesterday.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, down 17.84 on Monday, was off nearly another point half an hour before the close. But gainers held a slight lead over losers among New York Stock Exchange-listed issues.

The market came under heavy pressure on Monday after the decision by oil-exporting countries to raise oil prices by 14.5 per cent next year. But the atmosphere on Wall Street improved a bit yesterday when IBM announced plans for a 4-for-1 split next spring and an increase in its quarterly dividend from $2.88 to $3.44 a share.

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DM	10.1822	10.1115
Swiss Fr.	11.4168	11.3375
Sterling	37.7481	37.4859
French Fr.	4.4453	4.4144
Dutch Fl.	9.4151	9.3497
Austrian Sch.	1.3553	1.3787
Swedish Kr.	4.3171	4.2872
Danish Kr.	3.6164	3.5913
Norwegian Kr.	3.7831	3.7062
Finnish M.	4.7218	4.6590
Canadian $	15.7720	15.6625
Rand	21.5316	21.3820
Australian $	21.5500	21.3800
Belgian Fr. (10)	6.4445	6.3997
Yen (100)	9.7119	9.6445
Italian Lire (1000)	22.5958	22.4358

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Italian Lire	828.00/50	per $
Dutch Fl.	1.9870/85	per $
Yen	192.60/80	per $
French Fr.	4.2050/150	per $
Danish Kr.	5.1740/60	per $
Swedish Kr.	4.3340/60	per $
Norwegian Kr.	5.0130/60	per $

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Rental subsidies for olim raised by 25%

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rental subsidies for immigrants have been raised by the Absorption Ministry and approved by the Treasury at an average rate of 25 per cent.

The hike, applicable only to apartments rented by olim during their first five years in the country and for apartments rented on the private market, went into force on December 15. The raises were made to help compensate for the inflationary increases in rents over the past few months.

Now, an immigrant couple renting a flat in Jerusalem may receive up to IL3,000 a month as a subsidy (compared to IL2,400 until December 15). If they rent elsewhere in the country, they are entitled to a maximum of IL2,000 (compared to IL1,600 previously).

An immigrant married to a veteran Israeli may receive up to IL1,500 a month in Jerusalem and IL1,250 in the rest of the country.

Every additional family member adds IL300 to the rental subsidy throughout the country, compared to IL250 according to the old rate.

A single oleh renting in Jerusalem may receive up to IL1,400 (compared to IL1,100 previously) and IL1,100 in the rest of the country (it was IL900 previously).

Elderly olim living alone who came from countries of distress or are married to veteran Israelis may receive a maximum of IL1,800 rental subsidy in Jerusalem and IL1,500 in the rest of the country.

In no case may the subsidy exceed 85 per cent of the rent for the flat. The new rates are applicable only for rental contracts that have been signed since December 15, or contracts that, when signed beforehand, stated that the rent is linked to the dollar or the index — and only if six months have passed since the signing of the contract.

Meanwhile, a dozen English-speaking immigrants yesterday continued their sit-down strike in the office of the Gilo Absorption Centre in Jerusalem to protest what they call the Absorption Ministry's failure to provide them with public housing. The male members of each family have taken over the office of the centre's director for seven days. They claim that they have not received any housing offers, even though they have lived in the centre for up to a year or more.

The Absorption Ministry spokesman stated, however, that half of the families have lived at the centre for two to six months, and thus should not yet have received housing offers. Some of the rest have received offers, but did not find them to their liking, she maintained.

She suggested that until the housing authorities make more flats available to the ministry, the olim can rent flats on the private market temporarily and take advantage of rental subsidies, or buy flats on the private market.

PERES CALLS

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create dozens of new villages in the southern desert.

• Haim Corfu (Likud-Herut): Israel is willing to implement the autonomy scheme unilaterally, if it finds no Arab partners with whom to negotiate the scheme. Israel's problem today is the stand of the U.S. — not of Egypt. Israel could easily get a solution with Egypt directly.

• Moshe Meron (Likud-Liberals): The next step must be to initiate direct contacts with Egypt. The venue could be in Israel or in Egypt, but it must be remote from the scrutiny of the media.

• Kalman Kahana (Poale Aguda): Before Israel signs a treaty with Egypt, it must work out to the last detail the agreements referring to the other Fronts.

• Aharon Yadlin (Alignment): Israel could have achieved border rectifications in the Sinai had the government not shown such ideological obduracy with regard to Judea and Samaria.

• Shlomo Hillel (Alignment): The attempts to gloss over the total contradictions between the parties to the dispute, regarding the autonomy scheme, are not only failing to solve the issue, but are even endangering peace as such.

• Shulamit Aloni (CRM): The apprehensions of the Israeli government have held up the signing of the peace treaty — and not the American pressures, which are admittedly misguided.

• Yigael Hurvitz (Likud-La'am): The government agreed to return the whole of the Sinai in the hope that by so doing it would strengthen Israel's roots in Judea and Samaria. But in the end, Sadat reminded us that the Palestine problem is still the heart of the Middle East dispute.

• Haim Druckman (NRP): The U.S. administration is trying to besmirch our name internationally by various accusations and by selective reporting of the facts. The way to ensure true peace is by massive settlement in Judea and Samaria.

• Tamar Eshel (Alignment): Israel must ensure that it controls clear and defined security zones around the autonomous Arab area, so that it can protect the settlements there.

• Moshe Shahal (Alignment): The U.S. has realized that the "noes" of this government are not credible, because this government has already waived the principles which it upheld at Camp David.

• Gideon Hausner (ILP): The State Department's interpretation of West Bank autonomy will enable the PLO to dictate the creation of a Palestine State as a pre-condition for implementing Israel's peace treaty with Egypt.

• Yitzhak Rabin (Alignment): Israel should condemn U.S. bias in favour of Egypt while reaffirming its readiness to pursue the negotiations with Egypt. The present U.S. administration has made an unprecedented shift in its commitment to Arab leaders that it will accept their demand for total Israeli withdrawal and the establishment of a Palestink Arab state.

• Moshe Arens (Likud-Herut): The latest Egyptian demands indicate that Egypt does not want to break away from the Arab line-up and has not changed its fundamental policy towards Israel. Arab oil and Saudi money have changed the American perception of the Arab world and the Middle East, to such a degree that it is impossible for Israel and the U.S. to coordinate their stands, as they could do previously.

PIGEONS. — A national three-day pigeon show, with 500 birds on display, will open at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 23, at the Afridar community centre, in Ashkelon. Two judges from abroad will award prizes to the best birds in each class before the show opens to the public.

UK tour packagers charge 'dumping'

Charges of "dumping" of tourists to Israel have been reported by UK tour packagers. According to one London travel agent round-trip air tickets to Tel Aviv are being sold at £35 by charter operators unable to fill their hired aircraft.

According to Israel aviation officials "dumping" is an infringement of current charter regulations. Such flights are only permitted on an inclusive tour basis, whereas the £35 tickets only cover the flight.

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Insurance you bought in January is inadequate by December

How inflation affects insurance

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Most Israelis don't carry enough insurance in view of the swift inflationary spiral; if something happens — theft, fire, accident — their policies will fail to cover a considerable amount of the damage.

This opinion was expressed yesterday by the heads of the country's two largest insurance companies, Eytan Avneyon, of Hassneh (who is also chairman of the Association of Israel Insurance Companies), and Avner Rom, of Migdal-Binyan. Hassneh is owned by Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company; Migdal-Binyan is a private company.

Avneyon noted that due to inflation anyone's property was generally worth much more at the end of the year than at the beginning. Yet the premium the property owner paid was based on the rates at the beginning of the year, and to be fully insured, a person would have to increase his premiums.

The need to pay constantly higher premiums had led to two results among many persons. The first was not to insure their flats, cars, possessions, businesses at all; the second was to arrive at a lower total of premiums by not insuring all their property.

One solution now being studied, and in some cases already put into effect, was to increase the "self-participation" in any loss, Avneyon said. Thus, the insured would receive compensation only for losses above IL5,000 to IL10,000. That is to say, the householder, from whose flat property valued at IL5,000 to IL10,000 was stolen, would have to bear the loss himself. Only losses above this sum would be borne by the insurance companies.

"This will save us considerable sums, not only in payments, but also in bookkeeping and administrative work. The result is that we can reduce the cost of premiums by up to 40 per cent," Avneyon said.

A proposal to make such a system standard practice was now before the Inspector of Insurance in the Finance Ministry.

Another solution, he said, was a policy now possible to obtain in which the applicant did not insure his property for a specific sum of money, but only to provide a full description of it (and its contents). The insurance company would then estimate its value and demand a premium (which would be adjustable) accordingly.

If Avneyon found inflation generally undesirable, he thought that reducing it would also hurt the insurance companies. "There will be less money around and many people will reduce the amount of their policies," he said.

He took issue with those who claimed that the insurance companies were making exorbitant profits (as a recent survey by researchers at Tel Aviv University indicated).

He said that in 1977 the insurance companies received a return of 35.6 per cent on the nominal value of their capital, while index-linked bonds paid 46.5 per cent. (In 1976, the returns of capital and index-linked bonds were about the same.)

He rejected criticisms that the companies made a profit by delaying payment of moneys due under policies. "Property damage is generally settled in a short time, and bodily damage to a person is paid according to the index."

The problem arose with payments of life insurance policies after the insured's death. These payments sometimes did take considerable time to settle, due to various reasons, such as claims not filed immediately, the estate being settled through court action, etc., he said.

"The companies would like to institute a system where benefits will be linked to the index and also earn interest. This will be possible if we can invest the moneys owed in fully-linked investments. However, if we are forced to make such payments retroactively, it will cost us hundreds of millions of pounds, and this would endanger our future."

He added that linking benefit moneys plus payment of interest might increase premiums by five per cent.

Dollar down in Europe but up in Tokyo

FRANKFURT (AP). — The dollar plummeted against the West German mark yesterday in a continuing reaction to the Opec oil price hike. The fixing price of 1.8390 marks was nearly two pfennig lower than Monday's official midday price of 1.8570.

Dealers said the West German Central Bank intervened again strongly and bought about $60m. at the fixing to shore up the American currency. The bank had purchased $48m. at Monday's fixing. The market was described by currency traders as "very nervous" with turnover exceeding Monday's level.

In Tokyo the dollar closed slightly higher and showed signs of recovering from the plunge it took Monday in the wake of the announced 14.5 per cent rise in the price of oil.

The dollar closed at 193.35 yen, slightly above Monday's 193.325 yen, but considerably higher than the 192.20 yen the American currency fell to during early morning trading.

"Buying by importers and the conversion of a bond issue into dollars sent the dollar climbing in the afternoon," a dealer said.

The foreign exchange specialist added that the pressure on the American currency had eased and that the effects of the price-rise announcement by Opec was no longer felt in the market.

The imminence of yesterday's U.S. Treasury gold auction — part of the dollar-rescue package announced by President Carter November 1 to counter the previous international onslaught on the currency — would usually have a depressing effect on gold prices. But gold yesterday soared to $220.35 an ounce at the morning fix on the London bullion market, which serves as an indicator for gold dealing all over the world. On Monday, gold was fixed at $212.75 an ounce, and before the weekend oil exporting countries' meeting in Abu Dhabi, the price stood at $206.75 an ounce.

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Reassessment in the Knesset

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT point that emerged from yesterday's Knesset debate on the impasse in the peace talks was not simply the impressive broad support for the Government's decision not to submit to American pressure to sign what Mr. Begin so aptly termed a "non-peace treaty."

Given the Carter Administration's abandonment of its purported role of honest broker in the past few weeks, and Mr. Carter's injudicious harping on the marginal issue of the failure to meet the December 17 deadline, such support, even on the part of opponents of Mr. Begin's peace plan, was a foregone conclusion.

The real significance of yesterday's Knesset debate lay in its leitmotif, openly asserted by some and gingerly put forward by others; namely, the need for a reassessment of the fundamental assumptions which formed the basis for the Knesset's approval of the Camp David agreements.

Mr. Begin, in explaining the Government's unanimous decision to draw a clear boundary against further erosion of the Camp David agreements, spoke not of last minute misunderstandings on minor points. He emphasized that the peace component of the draft treaty was gutted by an accumulation of Egyptian demands, engineered with the active connivance of Washington.

Mr. Dayan was at pains to stress that the various components of the peace package, from the Camp David framework to the fleshing out of the autonomy proposals, would have to pass through three separate processes of Knesset approval. Only the general Camp David framework has won such approval to date.

Mr. Peres, while declaring support for the Government's stand, clearly asserted his party's opposition to the peace plan. Similar sentiments were expressed by spokesmen of other coalition and opposition parties.

Responsibility for this unmistakable shift in sentiment lies squarely with the American side, for in the course of negotiations it gave unstinting support to every Egyptian zig and zag and actively encouraged Egyptian backtracking.

The basic ambivalence in President Sadat's approach to the peace talks was recognized early on in Israel. If, nevertheless, the Israel negotiators agreed to far-reaching concessions, this was done on the assumption that the Carter Administration's commitment to a peace agreement that would not prejudice Israel's most basic security needs was assured.

This assumption has now been placed in doubt by Washington's ill-conceived and crudely executed partiality in the negotiating process.

If that process is to be salvaged it will not be done by a resumption of Mr. Vance's shuttling between Cairo and Jerusalem for the purpose of bringing Israel to her knees. Rather, the next step for Washington must be restoration of Israel's trust in the Carter Administration's intentions.

Without that, the prospects for successful conclusion of the talks, begun so hopefully 13 months ago, would seem dim indeed.

In the meantime there is certainly room for Israel to consider trying to resume the negotiations on a bilateral basis with Egypt. For if a peace agreement is President Sadat's goal, he too should realize that recent U.S. performance has made that goal more elusive.

Encounters in Cairo

Continuing to reflect on his weeks in the Egyptian capital, the *Post's* diplomatic correspondent DAVID LANDAU concludes that the country is witnessing an "uncertain dawn between the Nasserist night and a brighter day."

MY EGYPTIAN friend's outburst against thz Palestinians was thought-provoking not only in its content, but also because of his assertion that he was "not afraid to say these things," followed by his appeal not to publish them in his name.

How much freedom of expression is there in Egypt today, eight years after Sadat restored the rule of law and embarked on his gradual but steady process of deNasserization?

During my recent visit, I was permitted to join a press 'pool' aboard the President's custom-built railway carriage as he rode 300 km. into the countryside south of Cairo to the province of Minia, on a kind of regal-progress-cum-political-barnstorm.

Due to a bureaucratic lapse the permit to join the train reached me 10 minutes after it pulled out of the station.

In the event, however, this muddle had its advantage. I drove down to Minia on the main Cairo-Aswan road, which runs parallel to the railway-line and the Nile through 1,000 km. of narrow but lush valley. This way, I was able to gain a behind-the-scenes view of the warm and colourful welcomes accorded to Sadat at the little village stations along the route.

The impression was certainly one of spontaneity and enthusiasm. There were cheer-leaders, no doubt local functionaries of the President's new National Democratic Party. But the people did not seem to need leading; they cheered of their own accord.

Perhaps as interesting as the masses who gathered at the stations, on donkeys and camels and on foot, all in a holiday spirit, to applaud the "Rais," were the few who did not go. The shishlik-stand owner who had just put 10 skewers on the charcoal as the train came round the bend, and would ruin the meat if he went off and left it to burn. The shopkeeper who had no time to bring in all his merchandise off the pavement, and therefore decided to watch the welcome from afar, keeping guard over his wares.

At every village there were such individuals. And in Minia itself, a town of considerable size whose populace went to extreme lengths to accord Sadat a right royal welcome — even there not *everyone* turned out at the railway station. There were hundreds of policemen in evidence, and hundreds more plain-clothes security men. But there was no atmosphere of coercion, of "big brother's watching," to induce people to attend.

In Nasser's day, as Egyptian journalists confirmed to me, *everybody* would have turned out, unless they had a very good reason to be absent.

THIS DOES NOT mean, of course, that had some villager along the route taken it into his head to display a protest placard against Sadat he would have escaped arrest, and perhaps worse. Freedom, Sadat-style, is still a restricted commodity.

Another example: a man who until recently held a top-ranking government job described how he had been sacked. "One morning," he said, "I was having my breakfast when I read in the newspaper that I had been fired. So I went to my office, collected my papers, and asked my secretary to send the rest of my belongings around to my home..."

The man now has a non-job in a much less sensitive department. "I like to think of myself as in the deep-freeze," he says, not allowing his spirits to flag.

His story was a sobering reminder of just how Byzantine life in Sadat's court-like inner coterie really is. But the fact that he recounted it, with a philosophical cheerfulness, to an Israeli, surely shows that Sadat's autocracy does not spell despotism.

Sadat himself, in his autobiography, speaks of Nasser's "legacy of hatred," his "cultivation of fear," which was "destroying the soul of the individual and the soul of the people." He prides himself on his alleviation of this condition.

Sadat has pledged to move Egypt towards full political democracy, though he claims that this must be done in stages.

The overriding fear is of communism, feeding on the poverty of the masses and the failure of the regime, so far, to improve Egypt's economic situation. An alliance of communists, diehard Nasserites and right-wing fundamentalists could pose a real danger to Sadat if it were allowed to jell into a cohesive force. Thus, at least for the duration of a transitional period, every political party must obtain the approval of the government before it can organize itself officially.

Yet at the same time, Sadat and his new prime minister, Mustapha Khalil, constantly stress the need of a vibrant opposition, and say they will encourage the formation of genuine opposition parties. Khalil, moreover, in a speech to the People's Assembly a fortnight ago, pledged greater press freedom as an indispensable attribute of the burgeoning democracy.

WHAT DOES this present period of uncertain dawn, between the Nasserist night and a brighter day, mean for the intellectual elite, accustomed for years to keep any critical views strictly to themselves? ("Intellectual elite," it must be remembered, is a term that can correctly be applied to hundreds of thousands in Egypt's overall population of 40 million.)

Crudely stated, it means that one can now not only think — which even Nasser could not prevent — but also talk, even if what one says is hostile to the government's policy. But one cannot write or publish anything in a grossly critical vein.

And when one talks, in one's faculty common-room or at some diplomatic cocktail party, one will carefully direct one's criticism to the *policy*, not to the man who decides the policy, Anwar Sadat.

These rules of conduct for the dawntime era were explained to me by a distinguished academic, in the presence of some of his colleagues. The fact that he spoke in this way was itself a sign of the times.

"Under Nasser," he said, "I would steer clear of foreigners, because I would be unable to speak frankly with them."

Sadat meets annually in Alexandria with a group of top academics in various disciplines for a freewheeling review of foreign, economic and domestic policy, and by all accounts the conversation is genuinely frank and open, though still duly deferential.

ANOTHER SIGN of the times: Hassanein Heykal, Nasser's chronicler and Sadat's outspoken critic, was recently permitted to go abroad after years of forcible confinement to Egypt. No sooner had he reached London than he let loose a broadside at the peace initiative and the Camp David agreements.

He, and other nay-sayers, among them formerly prominent journalists, are to be found tucked away on the sixth floor of the plush "Al Ahram" building, ready to speak their minds to a visitor. They frequent the diplomatic cocktail circuit, too, apparently as sought-after guests who can be relied on to add spice to the conversation.

And yet the recent removal of War Minister Mohammed Gamasy, and his subsequent disappearance into official oblivion, smacks of sinist totalitarianism. He was displace according to informed Cairo opinio through the machinations of his on time subordinate, now vice president, Hosni Mobarak, wh whispered in Sadat's ear th Gamasy could be building a pote tially dangerous concentration power, resting mainly on th military, around himself.

Mobarak's star is currently risin high, and some say he is already firmly ensconced to be remove Others believe that if ever Sadat co cluded that Mobarak, too, posed threat, he could count on his arm generals to dislodge former Al Force commander Mobarak.

It is, then, a society in politic flux. Highly-placed Egyptian assert with ardent conviction tha Sadat is totally sincere about his h tention to move towards genuin democracy. It is easy to be sceptical A ruler who wittingly and willing aims at reducing his own power is rare bird indeed. But then Sadat indeed a rare bird.

Dry Bones

READERS' LETTERS

A.M. KLEIN THE POET

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I wish to commend your reporter, Matthew Nesvisky, for his lengthy article on the Canadian-Jewish poet, A.M. Klein, and to thank him for his warm review of my documentary film biography of the author (November 10). However, the article contains several inaccuracies and misquotations which distort both the facts of Klein's life and my views on the poet.

The first distortion is the representation that, somehow, I rescued Klein from obscurity; this is nonsense. My film may become the most popular biographical work on Klein, but even during the period of his illness, Klein's writings always attracted a lot of attention from serious students of Canadian literature. Klein may have been mysterious as a personality, but his literary reputation was secure long before I laid eyes on his poetry.

Secondly, I did not mean to give the impression that Klein was pathetic in any way. I did not say he was "crushed" by his failure to have a work published in the "Reader's Digest" — I said "disappointed." Klein was indeed hungry for fame as a writer, and very ambitious, but until the period of his tragic illness, he never lost his sober sense of self. He was, possibly, eccentric, but not pathetic.

Finally, I did not make any definitive statement about the nature of Klein's illness. From the few facts available, one can only speculate, and such speculation may not be fruitful nor even relevant to a study of Klein's work. Certainly, I have no specific knowledge of any diagnosis of Klein's mental state after his breakdown.

DAVID KAUFMAN

Toronto, Canada.

Matthew Nesvisky comments:

That Klein's place was well established in Canadian letters years ago was indicated several times in my article; that Mr. Kaufman's film is intended to give Klein a recognition wider than that among "serious students of Canadian literature" seems to me obvious, and it is an objective which I wholeheartedly support.

My notes reveal that Mr. Kaufman did indeed say "diasappointed" and not "crushed." My notes also reveal that Mr. Kaufman referred to Klein as "clinically paranoid."

No one who saw the film and read the article complained to me of any misrepresentation or distortion; to the contrary, they expressed nothing but approval of both film and article.

BAN ON WAR TOYS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — After reading the more important news in your paper concerning the political, economic and social situation in this country and in the world, I always look for some kind of news which would prove that people think about the problems of future generations and plan to bring about a perpetual state of peace.

On November 17, I read an item which gave me new hope for a better world. I refer to the report that West German shops plan to stop selling war toys and that the toy retailers' association had agreed at a meeting in Hanover to recommend the ban after an appeal by Justice Minister Hans-Jochen Vogel.

The German Justice Minister should be applauded for his decision. It would be a good idea to extend this decision to a ban on the manufacture of all war toys and the broadcast of TV programmes dealing with violence.

It would also be a good idea to circulate this praiseworthy decision throughout the world, so that other countries can follow Germany's example.

RICARDO FARHI

Bat Yam.

SHARP PRACTICES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I refer to the Kramers' letter, "Buying a car" which appeared on November 28.

While I have not personally experienced what the Kramers and their acquaintances have gone through (having never purchased a car in Israel), I can unhesitatingly accept their conclusion about the motive of the auto dealers, particularly with respect to interest-free use of down payments received to finance their operations.

I am aware of another sharp practice carried on by big companies. I know from personal experience of a major building firm and a major textile firm who do this: they pay their bills after 60 to 90 days with checks bearing a date delayed by a still further 60-90 days (sometimes not even their own checks, but third party checks which they have accepted from customers). More than once, these checks, when finally presented for payment, are found to be without cover. Of course, the firm involved makes good the dishonoured check with a smile and "we're so sorry for the inconvenience." And, of course, they say this with a smile; for, by consistently using this payment policy with all their suppliers — the big and the small — they have gained the interest-free use of thousands of pounds for four to six months at least.

Returning to the Kramers' letter, I seriously urge that someone, or a group of persons, who has been "had" by an auto dealer, take him to court for payment of interest on the down payment he has had at his disposal, said interest to be calculated commencing on the day after the promised but unfulfilled delivery date and ending on the day the car is delivered. If a court precedent were established for this, perhaps the practice could be stopped.

MRS. DONELL COHEN

Tel Aviv

POSTSCRIPTS

YOU THINK you have a housing problem? The split in the La'am wing of the Likud Knesset faction has caused a storm in a teacup over the issue of accommodation.

With the eight-man La'am wing split into two equal parts, each splinter is demanding a caucus room of its own. Coalition chairman Haim Corfu asked Alignment chairman Moshe Shahal recently to give up one of the Alignment rooms. But Shahal replied that since the Alignment had not split it had no obligation to help the Likud with its housing problems. Corfu replied that the Alignment had too many rooms to start with, but Shahal dug in his heels and said "no."

Shahal told us the other day: "If Yigal Hurwitz does not want to meet with Eliezer Shostak he can move out into the corridor as far as I'm concerned."

The most curious element in the rooming row is that the Knesset has just finished fixing up 10 new rooms, but they are not in use because the factions cannot agree who should get what and the Knesset officials do not wish to interfere.

TUTANKHAMEN ruled 7 million subjects as pharoah of all Egypt 33 centuries ago. But in the U.S. the boy king has captured almost 6 million more souls, reports AP's Jane White.

As if that weren't enough, the Egyptian ruler has also spawned a black market that is cashing in on the epidemic of Tut-worship in the U.S.

Since November 1976, a total of 5.6 million people in five cities have viewed the touring exhibit of relics recovered from Tut's tomb. Before April 15, when Tut departs New York for San Francisco, an additional 1.3 million will see the relics.

When Tut played Los Angeles earlier this year, exhibit officials were told that scalpers were hawking admission tickets for as much as $45, so eager were Californians to lay eyes on the alabaster and gold objects from Tut's tomb.

All the 1.3 million tickets offered by Manhattan's Metropolitan Museum of Art — some free, some for a 60-cent service charge — were snapped up three months ago.

But as the Tut fever soared in New York with the exhibit's arrival here this week, scalpers were charging from $15 to $50 a ticket.

Metropolitan Museum officials said last week that it was seeking an injunction to prevent a ticket agency in Union City, New Jersey, from selling tickets at $20.

OH BOY. Just a short while ago we published the clever kibbutznik's solution to the problem of mail addressed with Israeli Zip-Codes getting routed to cities with American Zip-Codes, namely that the Israeli Zip-Code be prefaced with the letters "IS." Our kibbutz friend maintains that the system works, but now another correspondent tells us:

"Actually the international prefix for Israel is IL, while IS stands for Iceland. In the international postal and telex traffic, the same letters are used as those on the oval stickers on motor-vehicles crossing borders."

Oh boy, indeed. Now do we have to expect mail not only late but frost-bitten at the edges, because it's been taken by dogsled to Iceland? Well, our correspondent adds this:

"It is, however, preferable not to use the so-called Israeli Zip-Code at all as it is non-existent. Introduced with great fanfare (and expense) about 10 years ago, it never came into use. One of the many failures due to bureaucratic inefficiency."

E.T.

Lip service for large families

ELIEZER JAFFE discovers that politicians who mouth support for Jewish population growth apparently change their tune when it comes to enacting legislation to encourage large families.

EVERYONE LOVES children, and almost everybody will tell you how important large families are for Israel and for Jewish life generally. The political parties, most of all, nod with approval when the case for large families is placed before them, but in this sea of "kindness" and understanding, large families have been politically victimized and are, in fact, slowly disappearing in Israel.

Three years ago, Zahavi, the Israel association for the rights of large families, a volunteer organization of parents of large families, drafted the framework for a law outlining the rights of large families in the areas of housing, education, taxes and public services. The purpose of the proposed law was to help the Israeli government take a clear, positive stand for Jewish population growth and for restoring pride and honour to large families. The goal was to secure a "magna carta" for large families in Israel.

The Likud Party, then in the opposition, pounced on the chance to lead the way in social legislation — and not, incidentally, to embarrass the ruling Alignment — which had been dragging its feet about whether to endorse the proposed law. Likud MK Moshe Nissim and Zahavi secured 52 signatures of Knesset members favouring the law; including Menahem Begin, Simcha Ehrlich, Zevulun Hammer.

Once it became clear that this was "a Likud manouevre," the Alignment washed its hands of the matter and the bill never reached first reading in the Knesset.

But the Alignment had a good memory, and soon after the election of Begin as Prime Minister, Alignment MK Moshe Shahal secured the approval of his party to present the Large Families Law for debate by the Knesset. One could reasonably assume that with 14 signatures of Alignment MKs and 35 signatures of Likud, NRP, Agudat Yisrael and other Knesset members that the proposal would indeed become law. Moreover, Finance Minister Ehrlich declared to a Zahavi delegation that he would honour his signature and he even began setting up a high-level committee "to explore implementation of the proposal."

However, Prof. Yigael Yadin, chairman of the inter-ministerial committee on social welfare, insisted at this point that his committee review the proposed law, and he passed it on to his aide, Prof. Daniel Shimshoni, who was asked to form an inter-ministerial committee to comment on it.

And that is where the draft remains, despite 66 signatures of Knesset members in favour of the proposal, including those of both the Prime Minister and the chairman of the Labour Party.

Despite all the lip service, not one party really seems to care about large Jewish families, or expert forecasts about Jewish demography or "internal aliya." It all seems to be a rather vicious game of political prestige; one-upmanship and bureaucracy.

Apparently, it's not the content of the law that matters, but which pa ty proposed it; it's not the issue tha matters, but how it can be used enhance a party's political image.

When this country becomes a Arab state on the day after electio in the year 2020, due to the decline Jewish birthrates and the natural i crease in non-Jewish birth someone might just remember t games we played in 1978.

Dr. Jaffe teaches at the School Social Work at the Hebrew Univers ty and is a founder of Zahavi.

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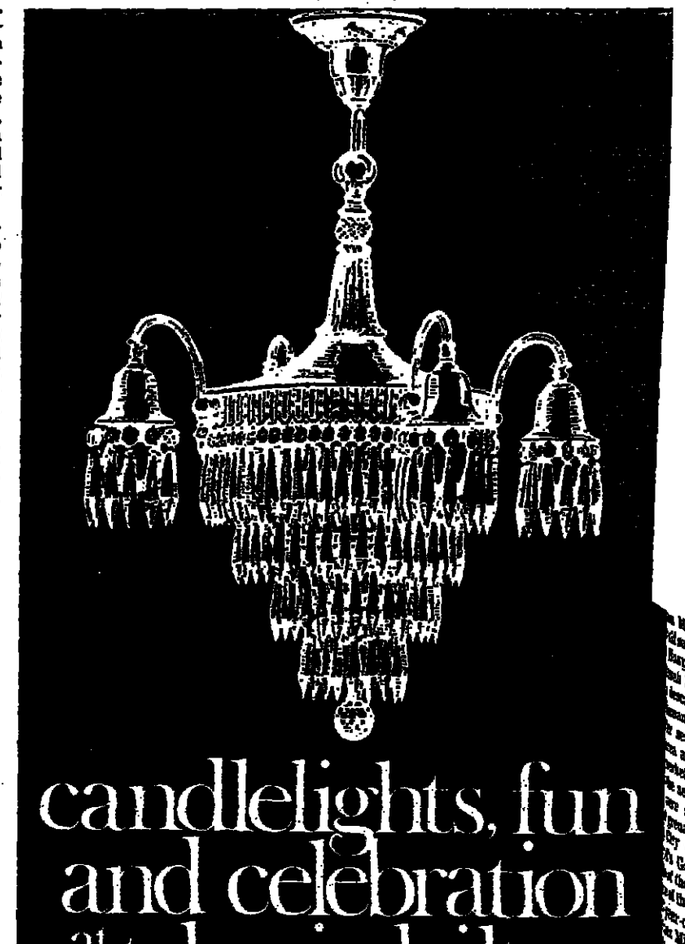
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